

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

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CRYSTALLEX INTERNATIONAL CORP., )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, )

Defendant. )  
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Misc. No. 17-151-LPS

**ORDER (I) APPROVING STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT,  
(II) AUTHORIZING SALE OF THE PDVH SHARES  
FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS, CLAIMS, ENCUMBRANCES,  
AND OTHER INTERESTS, AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the updated recommendation, dated August 29, 2025 (the “**Recommendation**”),<sup>1</sup> of Robert B. Pincus, in his capacity as Special Master for the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “**Special Master**”) in the above captioned case (the “**Action**”), recommending entry of an order authorizing and approving the sale of the PDVH Shares pursuant to applicable law; and this Court having taken into consideration this Court’s prior orders, including the *Order Regarding Special Master* [D.I. 277] (the “**Special Master Order**”), the *Memorandum Order* [D.I. 646], the *Final Priority Order* [D.I. 1102] (the “**Final Priority Order**”), and the *Sixth Revised Proposed Order (A) Establishing Sale and Bidding Procedures, (B) Approving Special Master’s Report and Recommendation Regarding Proposed Sale Procedures Order, (C) Affirming Retention of Evercore as Investment Banker by Special Master and (D) Regarding Related Matters* [D.I. 481], (the “**Sale Procedures Order**”, and the bidding

<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not herein defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Sale Procedures Order, the Recommendation or the Stock Purchase Agreement (each as herein defined), as applicable and as context may require.

procedures for the sale of the PDVH Shares approved thereby, the “**Bidding Procedures**”); the *Memorandum Order Regarding Sale Process and Litigation* [D.I. 1517] (the “**December 2024 Order**”), the *Order* [D.I. 1741] designating Red Tree Investments, LLC as the Stalking Horse (the “**Stalking Horse Order**”), and the *Order Regarding Schedule for the Remainder of the Marketing Process* [D.I. 1745] (the “**April 2025 Scheduling Order**”), the *Order* entering a schedule proposed by the Special Master [D.I. 1809] (the “**June 2025 Scheduling Order**”), the *Order* [D.I. 2056] continuing the Sale Hearing previously scheduled for August 18, 2025, and the *Scheduling Order* [D.I. 2110] (the “**August 2025 Scheduling Order**”) setting the continued hearing to commence September 15, 2025 and providing for the submission of best and final unsolicited bids by August 22, 2025 (all such orders, collectively, the “**Sales Process Orders**”); and four solicited rounds of bidding (the “**Bidding Rounds**”) having been held for the consideration of Qualified Bids and the selection of a Successful Bidder (each as defined in the Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures); and Buyer<sup>2</sup> having submitted the best bid for the PDVH Shares and having been recommended as the Successful Bidder by the Special Master with respect to the PDVH Shares; and this Court having conducted a hearing commencing September 15, 2025 (the “**Sale Hearing**”) to consider the Sale Transaction (as defined herein), during which time all interested parties were offered an opportunity to be heard with respect to the Recommendation; and this Court having reviewed and considered (i) the Recommendation and the exhibits thereto; (ii) the Buyer’s materials submitted in support of its bid, including<sup>3</sup> the Stock

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<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of this Order, “**Buyer**” means Amber MSub LLC (together with its permitted assigns pursuant to Section 9.10 of the Stock Purchase Agreement (as defined below)); provided, however, that from and after the Closing, the term Buyer shall exclude PDVH and any of its direct or indirect subsidiaries and their respective successors and assigns by merger or otherwise.

<sup>3</sup> The term “including,” wherever it is used in this Order, means “including, without limitation.”

Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 19, 2025 (together with the exhibits thereto, as may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the “**Stock Purchase Agreement**”) attached as **Exhibit A** hereto, by and among the Special Master and Buyer, whereby the Special Master, at the direction of the Court, has agreed to, among other things, sell or cause to be sold the PDVH Shares to Buyer, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stock Purchase Agreement (the “**Sale Transaction**”); (iii) the notarized affirmations of publication attached hereto as **Exhibit B** (collectively, the “**Publication Affidavits**”); and (iv) the arguments of counsel made, and the evidence therein proffered or adduced at the Sale Hearing; and due notice of the Recommendation, the Sale Hearing, and the form of this Order having been provided; and all objections to the Sale Transaction and the Order having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled except as otherwise provided herein or as provided in any subsequent Opinion or Order issued by the Court that modifies this Order; and it appearing that the relief granted herein is consistent with the directives of the Sale Procedures Order; and upon the record of the Sale Hearing and this Action; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor;

**IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:**

A. *Jurisdiction and Venue.* The Court has jurisdiction to grant the relief recommended in the Recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1330, 1367, and 1605(a)(6) and its ancillary jurisdiction to enforce federal judgments. Venue is proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1963. Further, the Court has jurisdiction over the Additional Judgment Creditors (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order and as set forth in the Final Priority Order) and all other interested parties appearing in this proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 and over Crystallex International Corporation (“**Crystallex**”) pursuant to ancillary jurisdiction for enforcing an arbitral

award reduced to a federal judgment. *See Crystallex Int’l Corp. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*, 932 F.3d 126 (3d Cir. 2019).

B. *Statutory and Rule Predicates.* The predicates for the relief granted herein include, as applicable, (i) Rules 53 and 69 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, (ii) Section 324 of Title 8 of the Delaware Code, (iii) the Court’s general equitable powers to enforce its orders and judgments, *see Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 43 (1991) (quoting *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630–31 (1962)), (iv) the All Writs Act (*see United States v. N.Y. Tel. Co.*, 434 U.S. 159, 172 (1977) (“This Court has repeatedly recognized the power of a federal court to issue such commands under the All Writs Act as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and prevent the frustration of orders it has previously issued in its exercise of jurisdiction otherwise obtained.”)), and (v) 28 U.S.C. § 2004.

C. *Sale Notice.* As evidenced by the Publication Affidavits and the status reports filed on the Court’s public docket on October 23, 2023 [D.I. 771], January 8, 2024 [D.I. 839], and April 16, 2024 [D.I. 1134] (the “**Status Reports**”), and the Court’s orders setting deadlines for the Marketing Process including the December 2024 Order, the April 2025 Scheduling Order, the *Order* [D.I. 1779] extending the topping period, the June 2025 Scheduling Order, and the August 2025 Scheduling Order: (i) due, proper, timely, adequate, and sufficient notice of the PDVH Shares being sold, the Recommendation, the Bidding Rounds, the Bidding Procedures (including the bidding process and the deadline for submitting bids for the Bidding Rounds), the Sale Hearing, the Sale Transaction, and the Order was provided by the Special Master; (ii) such notice was and is good, sufficient, and appropriate under the particular circumstances and complies with the Sale Procedures Order, the Bidding Procedures, and applicable law; and (iii) no other or further notice of the Recommendation, the Bidding Rounds, the Bidding Procedures, the Sale Hearing, the Sale

Transaction, or the Order is required. With respect to Persons whose identities are not reasonably ascertained by the Special Master, as evidenced by the Publication Affidavits, publication of the notice each in the national print editions of *USA Today* on January 12, 2024, January 19, 2024, June 3, 2024, June 10, 2024, February 25, 2025, March 4, 2025, May 5, 2025, and May 12, 2025, *the Wall Street Journal* on January 12, 2024, January 19, 2024, June 1, 2024, June 8, 2024, February 24, 2025, March 3, 2025, May 3, 2025, and May 10, 2025, the *Delaware State News* on January 12, 2024, January 19, 2024, June 2, 2024, June 11, 2024 (e-edition), June 12, 2024 (print edition), February 26, 2025, March 5, 2025, May 7, 2025, and May 14, 2025, the *Delaware News Journal* on January 12, 2024, January 19, 2024, June 4, 2024, June 11, 2024, February 25, 2025, March 4, 2025, May 6, 2025, and May 13, 2025, as well as the Venezuelan publication *La Razón* on June 9, 2024, March 2, 2025, March 9 2025, May 4, 2025, and May 11, 2025, was sufficient and reasonably calculated under the circumstances to reach such Persons and is in compliance with the Sale Procedures Order, Bidding Procedures, and applicable law including Section 324 of Title 8 of the Delaware Code (collectively, the “**Publication Notices**”).

D. *Notice and Opportunity to Object.* As evidenced by the Publication Affidavits and the Status Reports [D.I. 771, 839 & 1134], an opportunity to object to, and be heard with respect to, the Recommendation, the Bidding Rounds, and the Sale Transaction has been given to any and all Persons who are or could be entitled to notice pursuant to the Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) Buyer by its counsel Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld and Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP; (ii) PDVH Holding, Inc. (“**PDVH**”), by its counsel Eimer Stahl LLP (“**Eimer Stahl**”); (iii) CITGO Petroleum Corporation (“**CITGO**”), by its counsel Eimer Stahl; (iv) Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A., by its counsel Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP (“**PDVSA**”); (v) the Bolivarian Republic of

Venezuela (the “**Republic**”), by its counsel Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP; (vi) Crystallex International Corporation, by its counsel Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, LLP; (vii) Phillips Petroleum Company Venezuela Limited and ConocoPhillips Petrozuata B.V. (“**ConocoPhillips**”), by their counsel Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz; (viii) Former Additional Judgment Creditor, Altana Credit Opportunities Fund SPC, Altana Credit Opportunities Fund 1 SP, and Altana Funds Ltd. Cayman, by their counsel Bayard, P.A.; (ix) Additional Judgment Creditor, ACL1 Investments Ltd., ACL2 Investments Ltd. and LDO (Cayman) XVIII Ltd., by their counsel Riley & Jacobson, PLC; (x) Additional Judgment Creditor, Contrarian Capital Fund I, L.P., Contrarian Dome du Gouter Master Fund, LP, Contrarian Capital Senior Secured, L.P., Contrarian EM II, LP, Contrarian Emerging Markets, L.P., Boston Patriot Summer St LLC, Polonius Holdings, LLC, Emma I Master Fund, L.P., E1 SP, a Segregated Account of EMAP SPC, and Contrarian Capital Management, L.L.C., Contrarian Funds, L.L.C., by their counsel MoloLamken LLP; (xi) Additional Judgment Creditor, Gold Reserve Inc., by its counsel Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP; (xii) Additional Judgment Creditor, Huntington Ingalls Incorporated, f/k/a, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Inc., f/k/a Ingalls Shipbuilding, Inc., by its counsel Alston & Bird, LLP; (xiii) Additional Judgment Creditor, Koch Minerals Sàrl and Koch Nitrogen International Sàrl, by their counsel Alston & Bird, LLP and Stinson LLP; (xiv) Additional Judgment Creditor, OI European Group B.V., by its counsel Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP; (xv) Former Additional Judgment Creditor, Pharo Gaia Fund, Ltd., Pharo Macro Fund, Ltd., and Pharo Trading Fund, Ltd., by their counsel Bayard, P.A.; (xvi) Additional Judgment Creditor, Red Tree Investments, LLC, by its counsel MoloLamken LLP; (xvii) Former Additional Judgment Creditor, Rudi Lovati and Alessandro Lucibello Piani, by their counsel Duane Morris LLP; (xviii) Additional Judgment Creditor, Rusoro Mining Limited, by its counsel DLA Piper LLP (US); (xvix) Additional

Judgment Creditor, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Europe, by its counsel Alston & Bird, LLP; (xx) Additional Judgment Creditor, Siemens Energy, Inc., by its counsel Reed Smith LLP; (xxi) Additional Judgment Creditor, Tenaris S.A., Talta-Trading e Marketing Sociedade Unipessoal Lda., and Gramercy Distressed Opportunity Fund LLC, by their counsel (a) Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, (b) Halloran Farkas and Kittila LLP and (c) Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (“**Skadden**”); (xxii) Additional Judgment Creditor, Tidewater Investment SRL and Tidewater Caribe S.A., by their counsel Covington & Burling LLP; (xxiii) Additional Judgment Creditor, Valores Mundiales, S.L. and Consorcio Andino, S.L., by their counsel Covington & Burling LLP; (xxiv) Mobil Cerro Negro Holding, LLC., Venezuela Holdings, B.V., and Mobil Cerro Negro, Ltd., by their counsel Connolly Gallagher LLP; (xxv) Banco San Juan Internacional, Inc., by its counsel McCollom D’Emilio Smith Uebler LLC; (xxvi) G&A Strategic Investments I LLC, G&A Strategic Investments II LLC, G&A Strategic Investments III LLC, G&A Strategic Investments IV LLC, G&A Strategic Investments V LLC, G&A Strategic Investments VI LLC, and G&A Strategic Investments VII LLC, by their counsel (a) Andrew H. Sauder of Dailey LLP and (b) Skadden; (xxvii) Girard Street Investment Holdings LLC, by its counsel (a) Andrew H. Sauder of Dailey LLP and (b) Skadden; (xxviii) Refineria Di Korsou N.V., by its counsel Gellert Scali Busenkell & Brown, LLC; (xxvix) Ricardo Devengoechea, by his counsel Werb & Sullivan; (xxx) all Persons or entities known by the Special Master to hold any judgment or have asserted any lien, claim, encumbrance, or other interest in the PDVH Shares, for whom identifying information and addresses are available to the Special Master (the parties listed at ii-xxx, the “**Interested Parties**”); (xxxi) the United States Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“**OFAC**”); and (xxxii) all other Persons as a result of Publication Notice or other notice (the parties listed at i–xxxii above, the “**Notice Parties**”).

E. *Reasonable Discretion.* The Special Master has exercised his reasonable discretion in offering the PDVH Shares for sale, in units and as a whole, and has demonstrated good, sufficient, and sound justifications for approval of and entry into the Stock Purchase Agreement and the other agreements, documents, and instruments deliverable thereunder or attached thereto or referenced therein (collectively, the “**Transaction Documents**”)<sup>4</sup> and for approval of the Sale Transaction. The Special Master’s entry into and performance under the Transaction Documents (i) constitutes a sound and reasonable exercise of the Special Master’s discretion consistent with the exercise of his duties to the Court in accordance with the Bidding Procedures and his responsibilities under the Sale Procedures Order and Bidding Procedures, (ii) represents the best opportunity for the Notice Parties, as applicable, to recover value from the PDVH Shares on account of any judgments or Claims they may have against the Republic or PDVSA, and (iii) is reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances. Evidence of the Special Master’s reasonable discretion in entering into and performing under the Transaction Documents includes (y) the Purchase Price, as defined in the Stock Purchase Agreement, and the other terms set forth in the Transaction Documents, which constitute the best offer received for the PDVH Shares; and (z) the Sale Transaction on the terms set forth in the Transaction Documents presents an orderly sale of the PDVH Shares and the best opportunity to maximize the value of the PDVH Shares and maximize distributions to the holders of Attached Judgments in respect of their interests in the PDVH Shares and the opportunity for recoveries to the Notice Parties, as applicable, including Crystallex, ConocoPhillips, and the Additional Judgment Creditors.

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<sup>4</sup> The Transaction Documents shall not include that certain Transaction Support Agreement, dated August 12, 2025, by and among Amber Energy Inc. and certain PDVSA 2020 Bondholders party thereto (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Transaction Support Agreement**”).

F. *Compliance with the Sale Procedures Order, December 2024 Order, Evaluation Criteria, April 2025 Scheduling Order, June 2025 Scheduling Order, and August 2025 Scheduling Order.* On October 11, 2022, this Court entered the *Sixth Revised Proposed Order (A) Establishing Sale and Bidding Procedures, (B) Approving Special Master's Report and Recommendation Regarding Proposed Sale Procedures Order, (C) Affirming Retention of Evercore as Investment Banker by Special Master and (D) Regarding Related Matters* [D.I. 481] approving the initial Bidding Procedures for the PDVH Shares. On December 31, 2024, this Court entered the December 2024 Order. On January 27, 2025, this Court entered a *Memorandum Order* [D.I. 1554] (the “**January 2025 Order**”) which adopted evaluation criteria for Stalking Horse Bids, Base Bids, and Successful Bids (the “**Evaluation Criteria**”). On April 25, 2025, this Court entered the April Scheduling 2025 Order. On June 13, 2025, this Court entered the June 2025 Scheduling Order. On August 22, 2025, this Court entered the August 2025 Scheduling Order. The Bidding Procedures are substantively and procedurally fair, and non-collusive, and provided a full, fair, and reasonable opportunity for any entity or Person to make an offer to purchase the PDVH Shares. The Special Master complied with the Bidding Procedures, the Sale Procedures Order, the December 2024 Order, the April 2025 Scheduling Order, the June 2025 Scheduling Order, and the August 2025 Scheduling Order in all respects. Buyer complied with the Bidding Procedures, the Sale Procedures Order, the December 2024 Order, the April 2025 Scheduling Order, the June 2025 Scheduling Order, and the August 2025 Scheduling Order in all respects except as properly waived by the Special Master in the exercise of his duties to the Court in accordance with the Bidding Procedures. Buyer subjected its bid to competitive bidding in accordance with the Bidding Procedures and was designated the Successful Bidder for the PDVH Shares. The Bidding Rounds were duly noticed and conducted fairly and in good faith, without collusion, and in accordance

with the Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures. All potential bidders and other potentially interested parties have been afforded a full, fair, and reasonable opportunity to submit bids for the PDVH Shares and participate in the Bidding Rounds. The Special Master complied with the Evaluation Criteria.

G. *Marketing Process.* As demonstrated by the Recommendation, the Publication Affidavits, the testimony and other evidence proffered or adduced at the Sale Hearing, and the representations of counsel made on the record at the Sale Hearing: (i) the Special Master and his investment banker, Evercore Group L.L.C., engaged in a robust and extensive Marketing Process pursuant to the Sale Procedures Order, the Bidding Procedures, and the December 2024 Order; (ii) the Special Master and his Advisors, as defined in the Sale Procedures Order, conducted the Marketing Process in good faith and in a fair and open manner; (iii) the Marketing Process provided all potential bidders sufficient information to enable them to make an informed judgment on whether to make a bid to purchase the PDVH Shares and the terms of any such bid; (iv) the Marketing Process, the Bidding Procedures, and the Bidding Rounds were non-collusive, duly noticed, and provided a full, fair, and reasonable opportunity for any entity to conduct due diligence and make an offer to purchase the PDVH Shares and submit higher or better offers for the PDVH Shares than Buyer's bid; (v) the Special Master considered any and all bids submitted in good faith and in accordance with his duties under the Sale Procedures Order; (vi) the Special Master and Buyer have negotiated and undertaken their roles leading to the entry into the Stock Purchase Agreement in a diligent, non-collusive, fair, reasonable, and good faith manner; and (vii) the Marketing Process conducted by the Special Master pursuant to the Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures obtained the best value for the PDVH Shares.

H. *Fair and Adequate Consideration; Best Value.* The consideration to be provided by Buyer under the Stock Purchase Agreement is fair, adequate, and reasonable consideration for the PDVH Shares and constitutes an adequate price for the purchase of the PDVH Shares under the terms of the Sale Procedures Order. Such consideration constitutes the best bid for the PDVH Shares. As a result, Buyer's bid represents the best opportunity to maximize distributions to the holders of Attached Judgments in respect of their interests in the PDVH Shares and the opportunity for recoveries to the Notice Parties, as applicable, including Crystallex, ConocoPhillips, and the Additional Judgment Creditors. Prompt approval of the Sale Transaction is the best means to preserve and maximize the value of the PDVH Shares and maximize distributions to Crystallex, ConocoPhillips, and the Additional Judgment Creditors. The total consideration to be provided by Buyer under the Transaction Documents reflects Buyer's reliance on each term and provision in this Order and in the Transaction Documents, and Buyer would not be willing to enter into the Transaction Documents or acquire the PDVH Shares without each and every protection set forth in the Transaction Documents and this Order, including in paragraphs I (*The Bidding and Sale Process Were Conducted in Good Faith*), J (*No Successor or Other Derivative Liability*), K (*The Shares Are Free and Clear of Any Claim, Lien, Interest, or Encumbrance*), L (*Necessary Condition*), M (*Validity of Transfer*), S (*Opportunity to Participate in Marketing Process*), 2 (*Objections Overruled*), 6 (*Consummation of Sale Transaction(s)*), 11 (*Transfer of PDVH Shares Free and Clear*), 13 (*Release of Claims as to Buyer and other Entities; Recordation*), 14 (*Releases by Holders of Any Attached Judgments*), 18 (*No Successor or Other Derivative Liability*), and 22 (*Provisions Non-Severable*). The Transaction Documents were not entered into, nor is the Sale Transaction being consummated, for the purpose of hindering, delaying, or defrauding present or future creditors of PDVSA under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession, the

District of Columbia, or otherwise, and none of the parties to the Transaction Documents nor any of their direct or indirect Affiliates<sup>5</sup> or subsidiaries is consummating the Sale Transaction for any other fraudulent or improper purpose.

I. *The Bidding and Sale Process Were Conducted in Good Faith.* The Transaction Documents and the Sale Transaction were negotiated, proposed, and entered into, and are being undertaken by the Special Master, Buyer, and the other parties to the Transaction Documents and their respective management, board of directors or equivalent governing body, officers, directors, employees, agents, members, managers, representatives, and advisors, in good faith, without collusion or fraud, and from arm's length bargaining positions, for fair consideration and fair value under the circumstances, and with representation by competent counsel of their choosing at all times. There has been no fraud, unfairness, surprise, or mistake, and the sale price is not so low as to shock the conscience. Likewise, the value to be paid by Buyer upon consummation of the Sale Transaction is the product of arm's length negotiations between the Special Master, Buyer, and the other parties to the Transaction Documents, and their respective representatives and advisors, in good faith and without collusion or fraud. Buyer has proceeded in good faith in all respects and at all times in that, among other things, (i) Buyer complied with the provisions of the Sale Procedures Order and Bidding Procedures, including compliance with confidentiality obligations and restrictions under the Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures and any applicable non-disclosure or confidentiality agreement; (ii) Buyer's bid was subjected to

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<sup>5</sup> For the purposes of this Order, "**Affiliate**" means any Person (as defined in the Stock Purchase Agreement) that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person, and the term "control" (including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with") means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

competitive Bidding Procedures as set forth in the Sale Procedures Order; (iii) all consideration to be provided by Buyer and all other material agreements or arrangements entered into by Buyer and the Special Master in connection with the Sale Transaction have been disclosed and are appropriate; and (iv) the negotiation and execution of Transaction Documents were at arm's length and in good faith; as such, Buyer is entitled to all of the benefits, immunities, and protections afforded by applicable law. Other than agreements among the Special Master, Buyer, and any other parties as reflected in the Transaction Documents and herein, the Purchase Price in respect of the PDVH Shares was not controlled by any agreement, including any agreement among potential bidders. The Special Master, Buyer, and other parties to the Transaction Documents shall be, and shall be deemed to be, acting in good faith, and are authorized to close the Sale Transaction immediately upon entry of this Order (subject to issuance of an authorizing license by OFAC and satisfaction of any other conditions precedent in the Transaction Documents).

J. *No Successor or Other Derivative Liability.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in the Transaction Documents, upon and after Closing, and to the greatest extent allowed by applicable law (whether in effect now or in the future), Buyer and Buyer Affiliates<sup>6</sup> shall not have any liability, or any other obligation, of or related to the Republic, PDVSA, or their respective Affiliates, including any liability or obligation arising under or related to the sale and transfer of the PDVH Shares to Buyer. Upon the closing, Buyer will not assume the liabilities of PDVSA. Buyer and Buyer Affiliates are not, and the consummation of the Sale Transaction will not render Buyer or Buyer Affiliates a continuation of or a mere continuation of, and Buyer is not holding itself out as a continuation of or a mere continuation of, the Republic, PDVSA or their

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<sup>6</sup> For the purposes of this Order, “**Buyer Affiliates**” means an Affiliate of Buyer; *provided, however*, that the term “Buyer Affiliate” shall exclude PDVH and any of its direct or indirect subsidiaries and their respective successors and assigns by merger or otherwise.

enterprises or operations, and there is no continuity or common identity between Buyer and the Republic or PDVSA or their subsidiaries or Affiliates. Accordingly, the Sale Transaction does not amount to a consolidation, merger, de facto merger, acquisition of all or substantially all assets, or similar transaction of Buyer or Buyer Affiliates with or into the Republic or PDVSA, and Buyer, and Buyer Affiliates are not, and shall not be deemed, as a result of the consummation of the Sale Transaction, past practice, historical operations, course of dealing, or otherwise: (i) to be a successor to the Republic, PDVSA or their Affiliates, (ii) to be a continuation, a mere continuation or substantial continuation of the Republic, PDVSA or the enterprise(s) of the Republic, PDVSA or their Affiliates, or (iii) to be liable for, or be subject to any obligations relating to, any acts or omissions of the Republic, PDVSA, any of their Affiliates, or an insider of the Republic, PDVSA or any of their Affiliates in the conduct of their business or related to the PDVH Shares, including with respect to the Attached Judgments and any judgment whose holder sought to have such judgment be an Attached Judgment, other than as set forth in the Transaction Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and except as otherwise provided in the Transaction Documents, Buyer and Buyer Affiliates shall not be liable for any Claims against PDVSA or any of its Affiliates, and Buyer and Buyer Affiliates shall have no successor or vicarious liability of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown as of the Closing, whether now existing or hereafter arising, whether asserted or unasserted, perfected or unperfected, liquidated or unliquidated, noticed or unnoticed, recorded or unrecorded, matured or unmatured, legal or equitable, non-contingent or contingent, or otherwise, with respect to the business operations of the Republic, PDVSA, their Affiliates, or the PDVH Shares. To the extent there are any perfected Liens on the PDVH Shares, the same shall only attach to the proceeds of the Sale Transaction ultimately attributable to the property against which such perfected Liens applied or other

specifically dedicated funds, in the same order of priority and with the same validity, force, and effect that such perfected Liens applied prior to the Sale Transaction, subject to any rights, claims, and defenses of PDVSA. Buyer would not have entered into the Transaction Documents and would not acquire the PDVH Shares but for the foregoing protections against potential claims against it based upon successor or similar liability, vicarious liability, or any other legal, equitable or other doctrine, whether existing now or in the future, and those protections' effectiveness. A sale of the PDVH Shares without the foregoing protections would yield substantially less value for Crystallex, ConocoPhillips, and the applicable Additional Judgment Creditors.

K. *The Shares Are Free and Clear of Any Claim, Lien, Interest, or Encumbrance.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Special Master is authorized and directed to sell the PDVH Shares to Buyer free and clear of any (i) right to a payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured, (ii) equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured, and (iii) loss, liability, demand, claim, chose in action, any derivative vicarious, transferee, or successor or similar liability claims, rights, or causes of action, judgment, entitlement, residue, sanction, penalty, action, obligation, commitment, assessment, settlement, fee, debt, deficiency, guaranty of any kind, proceeding, damage, cost, or expense (including court costs and professional fees (including attorneys' fees and costs) whatsoever), whether at law or in equity, whether known or unknown, fixed, liquidated, contingent, or otherwise, whether under any theory of successor or transferee liability and whether imposed by agreement, understanding, law, or otherwise (a "**Claim**") and any mortgage, lien (whether

consensual, statutory or arising under any Law), pledge, charge, security interest, financing statement, hypothecation, Preferential Right, easement, plot restriction, deed restriction, encumbrance of any kind, or other interest in property arising from an attachment, writ or other enforcement or execution of a judgment or Claim (a “**Lien**”). Following the Sale Transaction, the Notice Parties, as applicable, shall have no recourse against Buyer or Buyer Affiliates or against the PDVH Shares, on account of those parties’ respective judgments or other Claims against the Republic, PDVSA, or their respective Affiliates.

L. *Necessary Condition.* Buyer would not have entered into the Transaction Documents and will not consummate the transactions contemplated thereby (i) if the sale of the PDVH Shares was not free and clear of all Claims and Liens, including any rights or Claims based on any successor, vicarious, or transferee liability, except as otherwise provided in the Transaction Documents; or (ii) if Buyer would, or in the future could, be liable for any such Claims and Liens. Failure to provide such relief in this Order would frustrate the Sale Procedures Order and the other orders of this Court in the Action. The total consideration to be provided under the Transaction Documents reflects Buyer’s reliance on this Order to provide it with title to and possession of the PDVH Shares free and clear of all Claims. A sale of the PDVH Shares without the foregoing protections would yield substantially less value for Crystallex, ConocoPhillips, and the applicable Additional Judgment Creditors.

M. *Validity of Transfer.* The transfer of the PDVH Shares to Buyer will be a legal, valid, and effective transfer of the PDVH Shares, including for the purposes of Title 8 of the Delaware Code and Article 8 of Title 6 of the Delaware Code, and will vest Buyer with any legal, equitable and beneficial right, title, and interest of PDVSA in and to the PDVH Shares, free and clear of all Claims and Liens. The consummation of the Sale Transaction is legal, valid, and

properly authorized under all applicable law, and all of the applicable requirements of applicable law have been complied with in respect of the Sale Transaction. Entities providing financing in connection with the Sale Transaction may rely in all respects on all of the provisions of this Order.

N. *Required Approval.* Buyer has demonstrated that (i) Buyer has made, or will make in a timely manner (a) all filings and disclosures necessary to comply with the regulations of OFAC and (b) all necessary filings under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, and any other antitrust laws, as applicable, and pay the fees associated with such filings; (ii) Buyer has a plan and the ability to obtain or make all requisite shareholder, governmental, regulatory, or other third-party approvals, consents and notifications, (iii) the proposed timing to undertake the actions required to obtain or make such approvals, consents and notifications is reasonable; (iv) the Sale Transaction is reasonably likely, after taking into consideration antitrust and any other regulatory matters, Buyer's prior experience, Buyer's commitment to take all action necessary, proper or advisable for Buyer to consummate the Sale Transaction prior to the Closing Date, and any other relevant considerations, to be consummated within a time frame acceptable to the Special Master and the Court; and (v) Buyer has consented to the Special Master, in his discretion, sharing with U.S. Government regulators, including OFAC, information pertaining to the Sale Transaction.

O. *Sale Authority.* The Court has authority to sell the PDVH Shares to Buyer pursuant to, as applicable, (a) Rule 69(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, (b) Section 324 of Title 8 of the Delaware Code, (c) Rule 53 of the Federal Rules, (d) the Court's general equitable powers to enforce its orders and judgments (*see Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 43 (1991) (quoting *Link v. Wabash R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630–31 (1962)); *see also IFC Interconsult, AG v. Safeguard Int'l Partners, LLC*, 438 F.3d 298, 311 (3d Cir. 2006)), (e) the All Writs Act (*see United*

*States v. N.Y. Tel. Co.*, 434 U.S. 159, 172 (1977) (“This Court has repeatedly recognized the power of a federal court to issue such commands under the All Writs Act as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and prevent the frustration of orders it has previously issued in its exercise of jurisdiction otherwise obtained . . . .”), and (f) 28 U.S.C. § 2004. The Court is in possession and control of the PDVH Shares, and, subject to authorization from OFAC, is authorized to sell, transfer, assign, convey, and deliver all title, interest, and/or rights of PDVSA in the PDVH Shares to Buyer, as required by the Stock Purchase Agreement, under applicable law.

P. *Sale Order Required by Buyer.* Entry of this Order approving the Stock Purchase Agreement is a requirement of the Stock Purchase Agreement and such requirement is an appropriate condition precedent to Buyer’s consummation of the Sale Transaction.

Q. *Power and Authority.* The Special Master (i) has full power and authority to execute the Transaction Documents and (ii) has all of the power and authority necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. Upon entry of this Order, other than any consents identified in the Transaction Documents, the Special Master needs no consent or approval from any other Person to consummate the Sale Transaction.

R. *Binding Contract.* The Transaction Documents are valid and binding contracts among the Special Master and Buyer and shall be enforceable pursuant to their terms.

S. *Opportunity to Participate in Marketing Process.* This Action has been pending since June 19, 2017. In that time, this Action, the Marketing Process, and the Sale Transaction have received substantial national and international media coverage. The Court has held at least 21 public hearings and status conferences regarding the subject matter of the PDVH Shares, the claims against the Republic, PDVSA, and/or PDVH, and proceedings related thereto. The Marketing Process additionally conformed to the Notice Procedures laid out in the Sale Procedures

Order, and gave notice to any parties that may have an interest in the PDVH Shares, including the Sales Process Parties, creditors of the Republic and/or PDVSA, potential bidders with interests in the PDVH Shares, and any other parties with any interests in the PDVH Shares. The Special Master, in accordance with the Sale Procedures Order, has published Sale Notices at least eight (8) times since the Launch Date, in at least four different publications. Each Sale Notice described the assets being sold (*i.e.*, the PDVH Shares), the Bidding Procedures, and the Marketing Process. The Sale Notices provided notice of key dates and deadlines for the Marketing Process, including, among other things, the Launch Date, the First Round Indication of Interest Deadline, the Second Round deadline to submit a Binding Bid, the stalking horse bid deadline, and the topping period deadline. In addition to the Sale Notices, all parties with a valid interest or perfected lien in the PDVH Shares have received notice from the Special Master of important Marketing Process and Sale Transaction-related milestones through a multitude of reports, motions, and notices submitted to the Court, as well as in regular, public, status conferences. Accordingly, Persons holding judgments or Claims against the Republic, PDVSA, and/or PDVH and all parties with an interest in the sale of the PDVH Shares have had sufficient notice of and an opportunity to participate in the Marketing Process. The failure of the holder of a judgment against, or other creditor of, the Republic, PDVSA and/or their Affiliates (whether now or in the future) to participate in the Marketing Process, to seek to become an Additional Judgment Creditor, or to successfully become an Additional Judgment Creditor shall not be grounds for challenging the Sale Transaction or this Order or to bring claims against Buyer or Buyer Affiliates whether existing now or in the future, and this Order shall be binding upon all such current or future creditors.

T. *Legal and Factual Bases.* The legal and factual bases set forth in the Recommendation, and at the Sale Hearing, establish just cause for the relief granted herein.

U. *Necessity of Order.* The Sale Transaction represents the best bid for the PDVH Shares and, without the relief in this Order, the Special Master does not believe the Marketing Process would yield such comparable value. The Special Master believes the Marketing Process provides the best opportunity to maximize the value of the PDVH Shares and maximize distributions thereon to the holders of Attached Judgments and the opportunity for recoveries to the Notice Parties, as applicable, including Crystallex, ConocoPhillips, and the Additional Judgment Creditors, and is not aware of a better alternative proposed by the Republic, PDVSA, PDVH, CITGO, or any other party.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. *Recommendation Is Adopted.* To the extent not already approved pursuant to the Sale Procedures Order, the Recommendation is adopted and the relief recommended therein is granted and approved as set forth herein.

2. *Objections Overruled.* Except in the case of sustained objections described on page 157 of the *Opinion* dated November 25, 2025 [D.I. 2553] (which have been resolved herein), or as otherwise provided in this Order or in any subsequent Opinion or Order issued by the Court that modifies this Order, all objections, if any, and any and all joinders thereto, to the Recommendation, including the Special Master's proposed form of this Order or the relief granted herein that have not been previously overruled, withdrawn with prejudice, waived, or settled as announced to this Court at the Sale Hearing, by stipulation filed with this Court, or as provided in this Order, are hereby overruled on the merits and with prejudice. Parties who did not properly object to the entry of this Order in accordance with the Sale Procedures Order, or who withdrew their objections thereto, have, and are deemed to have waived any right to contest the relief granted herein in respect of the Sale Transaction and the Transaction Documents for all purposes. All holders of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances against the PDVH Shares who did not object, or

withdrew their objections to the Sale Transaction are likewise deemed to have waived any such rights. To the extent there are any perfected Liens on the PDVH Shares, the same shall only attach to the proceeds of the Sale Transaction ultimately attributable to the property against which such perfected Liens applied or other specifically dedicated funds, in the same order of priority and with the same validity, force, and effect that such perfected Liens applied prior to the Sale Transaction, subject to any rights, claims, and defenses of PDVSA.

3. *Notice.* Notice of the Recommendation, the Bidding Rounds, the Bidding Procedures, the Sale Transaction, and the Sale Hearing was adequate, appropriate, fair and equitable under the circumstances and complied in all respects with the Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures.

4. *Fair and Adequate Purchase Price.* The consideration to be provided by Buyer under the Stock Purchase Agreement is fair, adequate, and reasonable consideration for the PDVH Shares and constitutes (i) fair consideration and fair value under any other applicable laws of the United States, any state, territory or possession or the District of Columbia and any other applicable law and (ii) an adequate price for the purchase of the PDVH Shares under the circumstances of this Action and the terms of the Sale Procedures Order. Such consideration constitutes the best bid for the PDVH Shares.

5. *Approval of the Transaction Documents.* Except as otherwise provided herein, the Transaction Documents, including all of the transactions contemplated thereby, including, without limitation, the Debt Financing and documents related thereto and all of the terms and conditions thereof, are hereby authorized and approved in their entirety.<sup>7</sup> The failure specifically to include

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<sup>7</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, in this Order this Court is not approving or authorizing the Transaction Support Agreement which is by and among Amber Energy Inc. and certain PDVSA 2020 Bondholders.

any particular provision of the Transaction Documents in this Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of this Court that the Transaction Documents, and the entry into the Transaction Documents by the Special Master, be authorized and approved in their entirety except as otherwise provided herein.

6. *Consummation of Sale Transaction(s)*. Pursuant to applicable law, and subject to authorization from OFAC, the Court is authorized and empowered to transfer the PDVH Shares in accordance with the terms of the Transaction Documents and the terms of this Order. The Special Master, his Advisors and agents, are authorized and directed to execute, deliver, and perform their obligations under and comply with the terms of the Transaction Documents and to consummate the Sale Transaction, including by taking any and all actions as may be reasonably necessary or desirable to implement the Sale Transaction and each of the transactions contemplated thereby pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Transaction Documents and this Order without leave of Court. All Interested Parties and any Persons or entities acting in concert with them are prohibited and enjoined from taking any action that adversely affects, interferes with, is likely to frustrate or is in any way inconsistent with the ability of the Special Master or his Advisors and agents to transfer the PDVH Shares to Buyer in accordance with the Stock Purchase Agreement and this Order, subject to Paragraph 26 hereof, and, *provided* that, the foregoing restriction shall not prevent any Person or entity from exercising any rights granted or preserved by this Order (including Paragraph 26 hereof); *provided, further*, that the foregoing restriction in this sentence shall not apply to any act of a United States regulatory agency required to implement the Sale Transaction. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing restrictions shall not prevent any party in *G&A Strategic Investments I LLC v. PDVSA*, Case No. 1:23-cv-10766-JSR (S.D.N.Y.), or their Affiliates or successors and assigns, from prosecuting or defending the claims

asserted therein, including in connection with any associated appeal, or in seeking to enforce, or defending against such enforcement, any Claim against the assets of PDVH or any of its direct or indirect subsidiaries, including by merger or otherwise. PDVH, CITGO and each of their direct and indirect subsidiaries, representatives, employees, agents, designees, successors, or assigns (collectively, the “**CITGO Related Parties**”) are directed and hereby ordered to comply with the obligations and covenants applicable to PDVH, CITGO and to any CITGO Related Parties set forth in the following sections of the Stock Purchase Agreement (regardless of, and independent of, any obligation for the Special Master to “cause” those parties to comply with such obligations and covenants) and the Special Master is authorized to seek this Court’s assistance and/or an order from the Court to compel compliance if, in his reasonable judgment, any of PDVH, CITGO or the CITGO Related Parties fails to comply with such obligations and covenants: Section 2.3 (*Closing Deliveries of the Parties*), Section 6.1 (*Conduct of the Business Pending the Closing*), Section 6.2 (*Access to Information*), Section 6.3 (*Regulatory Approvals; Third Party Consents*), Section 6.7 (*Public Announcements*), Section 6.8 (*Employee Matters*), Section 6.10 (*Company’s Obligations in Respect of Debt Financing*), Section 6.11 (*Tax Matters*), Section 6.13 (*Notices of Certain Events*), Section 6.17 (*280G*) and Section 6.18 (*Financial Statements*). Any failure by PDVH, CITGO or the CITGO Related Parties to comply with any obligation or covenant contained in the Stock Purchase Agreement and referenced in the immediately preceding sentence may result in a contempt order and appropriate sanctions against the violating entity, as well as the individual directors, officers or employees responsible for the violation.

7. *Execution of Transaction Documents.* The Special Master, his Advisors and agents, are authorized to execute and deliver, and authorized to perform under, consummate, and implement all additional notices, assumptions, conveyances, releases, acquittances, instruments,

and documents that may be reasonably necessary or desirable to implement the Transaction Documents, including the transfer and, as applicable, the assignment of all the PDVH Shares, and to take all further actions as may be (i) reasonably requested by Buyer for the purpose of assigning, transferring, granting, conveying, and conferring to Buyer, or reducing to Buyer's possession, the PDVH Shares and/or (ii) necessary or appropriate to the performance of the obligations contemplated by the Transaction Documents, all without further order of this Court.

8. *Payment of Transaction Expenses.* The Special Master shall continue to file periodic status reports requesting the Court's approval of the Special Master's Transaction Expenses. Any approved but unpaid Transaction Expenses as of the Closing shall be paid to the Special Master from the proceeds of the Sale Transaction prior to any distributions on account of Attached Judgments.

9. *Special Master Expense Reserve Holdback.* The Special Master shall be entitled to direct a portion of the sale proceeds, in an amount reasonably determined by the Special Master and approved by the Court prior to the closing of the Sale Transaction, to be deposited into an escrow account for the purpose of paying any out-of-pocket costs, fees, or expenses incurred by the Special Master on or after the closing of the Sale Transaction for the Special Master, investment bankers, third party consultants, legal counsel and any other Representatives (as defined in the Stock Purchase Agreement) or Advisors (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order) and approved by the Court, including any fees or expenses related to implementation, indemnification or reimbursement for any liability, legal costs, or court costs, or any further adjudication, of the Sale Transaction or this Order. Any such amounts remaining in escrow after all such costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Special Master have been so paid or distributed shall be paid to the

Additional Judgment Creditors in compliance with the Final Priority Order, this Order, and any further order of the Court deemed necessary by the Special Master.

10. *Document Acceptance.* Each and every federal, state, local, or foreign government or governmental or regulatory authority, agency, board, bureau, commission, court, department, or other governmental entity is hereby authorized to accept any and all documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

11. *Transfer of PDVH Shares Free and Clear.* Pursuant to applicable law, and subject to authorization from OFAC, the Special Master is authorized and directed to transfer the PDVH Shares in accordance with the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement and this Order. The transfer of the PDVH Shares by the Special Master to Buyer in accordance with the Stock Purchase Agreement and this Order shall: (i) be valid, legal, binding, and effective; (ii) vest Buyer with all right, title, and interest in and to the PDVH Shares; and (iii) be free and clear of all Claims and Liens against the PDVH Shares, except as otherwise provided in the Transaction Documents. Following the consummation of the Sale Transaction, the Notice Parties shall have no recourse against Buyer or Buyer Affiliates, or against the PDVH Shares, on account of those parties' respective judgments or other Claims against the Republic, PDVSA or their respective Affiliates. On the Closing Date, this Order shall be considered, and shall constitute, for any and all purposes, a full and complete general assignment, conveyance and transfer of the PDVH Shares, transferring good and marketable and indefeasible title and interest in all of the PDVH Shares to Buyer with effect at Closing of the Sale Transaction in accordance with the Transaction Documents. The provisions of this Order authorizing and approving the transfer of the PDVH Shares free and clear of all interests shall be self-executing, and neither the Special Master or Buyer shall be required to

execute or file releases, termination statements, assignments, consents or other instruments in order to effectuate, consummate and implement the provisions of this Order and the Stock Purchase Agreement.

12. *Endorsement of Certificates; Registration of Transfer.* The Special Master is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of PDVSA and deliver to Buyer, at Closing, the stock certificates representing the PDVH Shares duly endorsed in blank and any executed stock powers or other instruments of transfer necessary to transfer to Buyer good and marketable title to the PDVH Shares and otherwise proceed with the Sale Transaction. PDVH is directed, at Closing, to register the transfer of the PDVH Shares to Buyer upon the books and records of PDVH. Following the Closing, the sale of the PDVH Shares to Buyer shall be, and shall be deemed to be, “made and confirmed” as contemplated by Section 324 of Title 8 of the Delaware Code and, upon a certified copy of this Order being left with any officer or director or with the registered agent of PDVH, Buyer shall be entitled to the PDVH Shares and all income, or dividends which may have been declared, or become payable thereon since the attachment laid, subject to the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement.

13. *Release of Claims as to Buyer and other Entities; Recordation.* Except as expressly set forth in the Stock Purchase Agreement, the Transaction Documents, or this Order, this Order (i) shall be effective as a determination that, as of the Closing, all Claims, including all Attached Judgments that have been paid or credit bid, have been unconditionally released, discharged in full or, with respect to any Attached Judgment that is extinguished in part, discharged in part and terminated as to Buyer, Buyer Affiliates, and the PDVH Shares, and that the conveyances and transfers described herein and in the Stock Purchase Agreement and the Transaction Documents have been effected, and (ii) is and shall be binding upon and govern the acts of all Persons,

including all filing agents, filing officers, title agents, title companies, recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal, state, county and local officials and all other Persons who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments that reflect that Buyer is the assignee and owner of the PDVH Shares, free and clear of all Claims, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to any lease (all such entities being referred to as “**Recording Officers**”). All Recording Officers are authorized to strike recorded encumbrances, claims, liens, and other interests against the PDVH Shares recorded prior to the date of this Order. A certified copy of this Order may be filed with the appropriate Recording Officers to evidence cancellation of any recorded encumbrances, claims, liens, pledges, and other interests against the PDVH Shares recorded prior to the date of this Order. All Recording Officers are hereby authorized to accept for filing any and all of the documents and instruments necessary, advisable or appropriate, and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Stock Purchase Agreement.

14. *Releases by Holders of Any Attached Judgments.* Immediately upon the later of (i) the indefeasible receipt by a holder of an Attached Judgment of an amount sufficient to satisfy its Attached Judgment based upon the available proceeds from the Sale Transaction (the “**Sale Proceeds**”) or (ii) the Closing, the holder of an Attached Judgment (a) shall have, and shall be deemed to have, automatically released all of the security interests, liens and pledges, including its Attached Judgment, as defined in the Stock Purchase Agreement, and any other Claims on the PDVH Shares securing the Attached Judgment with no further action (the “**Lien Release**”), whether or not the holder’s Attached Judgment was satisfied in full or at all from the Sale Proceeds, and (b) is authorized and directed to take any such actions as may be reasonably requested by the

Court to evidence the release of such security interests, liens and pledges, including the execution, delivery and filing or recording of such releases as may be reasonably requested by the Court or Buyer or as may be required in order to terminate any related financing statements, mortgages, mechanic's liens, or *lis pendens*. This Order is, and shall be deemed to be, in recordable form sufficient to be placed in the filing or recording system of each and every federal, state, or local government agency, department, or office.

15. *Licenses.* In accordance with the Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures, Buyer shall obtain all required permit(s), license(s), registration(s), governmental authorization(s) or approval(s) or similar grant(s), including pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act and any other applicable antitrust laws and all licenses required by OFAC relating to the transfer or conveyance of the PDVH Shares to Buyer under the Stock Purchase Agreement and the Transaction Documents, within a customary amount of time. Buyer and its legal counsel and advisors shall coordinate in good faith with the Special Master's Advisors to discuss and explain Buyer's regulatory and other consent analysis, strategy, and timeline for securing all such approvals and consents in accordance with the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement to facilitate the timely Closing of the Sale Transaction.

16. *Distribution and Application of Sale Proceeds.* In accordance with the Transaction Documents, prior to the Closing, the Special Master and his Advisors shall provide to Acquiom Financial LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, in its capacity as payments administrator (the "**Paying Agent**"), a spreadsheet pursuant to that certain Payments Administration Agreement, to be executed before the entry of this Order, by and among Buyer, the Special Master and the Paying Agent, which shall indicate, among other things, that, at the Closing, Buyer will pay the

Closing Consideration (as defined in the Stock Purchase Agreement) to the Paying Agent, and the Paying Agent will pay to:

- i. the Special Master and his Advisors, any approved but unpaid Transaction Expenses as of the Closing;
- ii. the Sale Process Parties and the Additional Judgment Creditors, any Transaction Expenses paid as of Closing; and
- iii. the holders of any Attached Judgments, in accordance with the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement and the Final Priority Order.

The remaining sale proceeds will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement and other Transaction Documents. Following the payments provided for in this paragraph, all Liens that existed prior to Closing in or on the PDVH Shares shall attach to the remaining proceeds of the Sale Transaction in the same order of priority and with the same extent, validity, force, and effect that such Liens had prior to the Sale Transaction.

17. *Obligation to Report Recovery on Attached Judgments; Amendment to Attached Judgment Amount Schedule and Impact on Payments to holders of Attached Judgments.* If, prior to Closing, a holder of an Attached Judgment receives any payment or consideration in connection with or in respect of an Attached Judgment, the holder of an Attached Judgment shall promptly (but in no event later than within 3 business days) so notify the Court and Special Master by filing notice of the same on the public docket. This notice shall include the amount (the “**Alternative Recovery Amount**”). In this event, the Attached Judgment shall be reduced by the Alternative Recovery Amount, and the corresponding amount that otherwise would have been paid to the holder of an Attached Judgment under the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement and Final Priority Order shall instead be paid to satisfy other Attached Judgments in accordance with the Final Priority Order. The Special

Master shall thus revise the amounts payable to holders of Attached Judgments (the “**Revised Attached Judgment Amount Schedule**”) to deduct the amount of such payment or consideration from the amount of that Attached Judgment, and shall promptly (but in no event later than within 5 business days after the filing of the notice by the holder of an Attached Judgment) file the Revised Attached Judgment Amount Schedule on the public docket and, if the Revised Attached Judgment Amount Schedule has not already been provided to the Paying Agent, also provide the Revised Attached Judgment Amount Schedule to the Paying Agent. In no event shall the filing of any such notice by a holder of an Attached Judgment delay or prevent the Closing. If the Closing occurs prior to the filing of the Revised Attached Judgment Amount Schedule, then the Alternative Recovery Amount(s) shall be retained by the Paying Agent and paid out in accordance with the Revised Attached Judgment Amount Schedule promptly after such Revised Attached Judgment Amount Schedule is filed.

18. *No Successor or Other Derivative Liability.* Neither Buyer nor any of Buyer Affiliates shall be deemed by virtue of the Sale Transaction to have effected a consolidation, merger, or de facto merger of Buyer and any of Buyer Affiliates with or into PDVSA and Buyer and Buyer Affiliates are not, and shall not be deemed, as a result of the consummation of the Sale Transaction: (i) to be a successor to PDVSA, (ii) to be an alter ego or a mere continuation or substantial continuation or a successor in any respect of PDVSA, including within the meaning of any foreign, federal, state or local law, or (iii) to be liable for, or be subject to any obligations relating to, any acts or omissions of PDVSA in the conduct of its business or arising under or related to the PDVH Shares, other than as set forth in the Stock Purchase Agreement. To the maximum extent available under applicable law, Buyer’s acquisition of the PDVH Shares shall be free and clear of any successor or similar liability claims and other types of transferee liability of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, whether now existing or hereafter

arising, whether asserted or unasserted, or whether fixed or contingent at the time of the Closing. The operations of Buyer and Buyer Affiliates shall not be deemed a continuation of PDVSA's business operations, the PDVH Shares, or any Liabilities of PDVSA as a result of the acquisition of the PDVH Shares. Following consummation of the Sale Transaction, the Notice Parties shall have no recourse against Buyer or Buyer Affiliates, or against the PDVH Shares, on account of those parties' respective judgments or other Claims against the Republic or PDVSA. The consideration given by Buyer shall constitute valid and valuable consideration for the foregoing releases of any potential successor or similar liability claims and other types of transferee liability of any kind or character whatsoever, which releases shall be deemed to have been given in favor of Buyer by all holders of such claims.

19. *Judicial Immunity & Exculpation.* The Special Master is entitled to judicial immunity in the performance of his duties as authorized by the Special Master Order, the Sale Procedures Order, the Bidding Procedures, and this Order, including implementation of the Sale Transaction. The Special Master's Advisors are entitled to judicial immunity in connection with all actions taken at the direction of, on behalf of, or otherwise in connection with representation of, or advising, the Special Master.

20. *Modification of Stock Purchase Agreement.* Subject to the terms of the Transaction Documents, including the Stock Purchase Agreement, and any related agreements, documents, or other instruments, the Transaction Documents may be modified, amended, or supplemented by the parties thereto, in a writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of any such modification, amendment, or supplement is sought, and in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of this Court; provided, that any proposed material modification, amendment or supplement to the Transaction Documents shall be served on the Interested Parties and the

PDVSA 2020 Bondholders, at least three (3) business days' prior to its proposed execution and, if objected to by any Interested Parties and/or the PDVSA 2020 Bondholder Parties, shall be subject to further Court order absent an agreement of the parties thereto and an objecting party.

21. *Conflicts; Precedence.* In the event that there is a direct conflict between the terms of this Order and the terms of the Transaction Documents, the terms of this Order shall control. The failure to specify or include any particular provisions of the Stock Purchase Agreement or the Transaction Documents in this Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provisions, it being the intent of this Court that the Stock Purchase Agreement, the Transaction Documents, and the Sale Transaction be authorized and approved in their entirety.

22. *Provisions Non-Severable.* The transactions contemplated under the Transaction Documents (including the Sale Transaction) and in this Order are inextricably linked and collectively constitute a single, integrated transaction, and each provision of the Transaction Documents is incorporated into and part of this Order as if fully set forth herein. Buyer would not have entered into the Transaction Documents and would not acquire the PDVH Shares but for its reliance on each term and provision in this Order and in the Transaction Documents being valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms. The total consideration to be provided by Buyer under the Transaction Documents reflects Buyer's reliance on each term and provision in this Order and in the Transaction Documents. As such, each term and provision in this Order and in the Transaction Documents is integral to the Sale Transaction, nonseverable and mutually dependent.

23. *Retention of Jurisdiction.* This Court shall retain jurisdiction to, among other things, (i) interpret, enforce, and implement the terms and provisions of this Order and the Stock Purchase Agreement (including all amendments thereto, any waivers and consents thereunder, and of each of the agreements executed in connection therewith) and (ii) adjudicate disputes related to

this Order and the Stock Purchase Agreement (including all amendments thereto, any waivers and consents thereunder, and of each of the agreements executed in connection therewith).

24. *Effectiveness of Order.* This Order shall become effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry and its provisions shall be self-executing.

25. *Preservation of Post-Closing Rights.* Except as otherwise provided herein, this Order shall not prevent any Person from seeking to enforce a Claim for post-Closing conduct by Buyer or Buyer Affiliates.

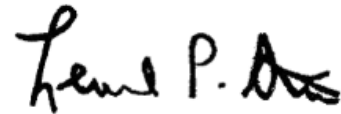
26. *Preservation of Rights and Remedies.* Nothing in this Order or the Stock Purchase Agreement shall: (a) prevent any party from seeking or opposing an appeal or writ, or a stay pending appeal, of this Order or any other order, finding or determination, including any Sales Process Order, in each case in accordance with applicable law and in a court of competent jurisdiction; (b) prohibit any of the Venezuela Parties or any Persons or entities acting in concert with them from proposing an alternative to the sale of the PDVH Shares prior to consummation of a sale; or (c) prohibit any of the Venezuela Parties or any Persons or entities acting in concert with them from communicating with or advocating before any part of any government or representative thereof.

27. *Reservation of Rights Regarding Transaction Support Agreement, 2020s Notes Indenture, and 2020s Notes Pledge Agreement.* For the avoidance of doubt, this Order does not modify or amend any rights or obligations of any party arising under (i) the Transaction Support Agreement; (ii) that certain Indenture, dated as of October 27, 2016, among PDVSA as issuer; PDVSA Petróleo, S.A., as guarantor; MUFG Union Bank, N.A. as trustee (the “**2020s Trustee**”); GLAS Americas LLC, as collateral agent (the “**2020s Collateral Agent**”); Law Debenture Trust Company of New York as registrar, transfer agent, and principal paying agent; and Banque

Internationale à Luxembourg, Société Anonyme, as Luxembourg listing agent and paying agent (the “**2020 Notes Indenture**”); (iii) that certain Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2016, among PDVSA as issuer; Petróleo, as guarantor; the 2020s Trustee; and the 2020s Collateral Agent (the “**2020 Notes Pledge Agreement**”); or (iv) any other Transaction Document (as defined in the 2020 Notes Indenture). All rights under the Transaction Support Agreement, 2020s Notes Indenture, the 2020 Notes Pledge Agreement, and all other Transaction Documents (as defined in the 2020 Notes Indenture) are reserved.

28. *2020s Notes Undertaking.* Buyer will comply with the Amended and Restated Amber Energy 2020s Notes Extinguishment Undertaking filed by the court at D.I. 2543-1 at 103.

SO ORDERED this 29th day of November, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard P. Stark", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Honorable Leonard P. Stark  
United States District Court

**Exhibit A**

**Stock Purchase Agreement**

**STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

dated as of

September 19, 2025

between

AMBER MSUB LLC

and

ROBERT B. PINCUS,

solely in his capacity as the Special Master for the United States District Court for the District of  
Delaware

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## STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) dated as of September 19, 2025 (the “Execution Date”) is entered into by and between Amber MSub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Buyer”), and Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as special master (the “Special Master” and, together with the Buyer, the “Parties” and each a “Party”) for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”).

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Special Master has been appointed by the Court in connection with the case of *Crystallex International Corp. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela* (D. Del. Case. No. 17-151-LPS) (the “Specified Litigation”) pursuant to (i) that certain Order entered by the Court on April 13, 2021 [D.I. 258] (the “April 2021 Order”), (ii) that certain Order Regarding Special Master entered by the Court on May 27, 2021 [D.I. 277] (the “May Order”), (iii) the Order (A) Establishing Sale and Bidding Procedures, (B) Approving Special Master’s Report and Recommendation Regarding Proposed Sale Procedures Order, (C) Affirming Retention of Evercore Group, LLC (“Evercore”) as Investment Banker by Special Master and (D) Regarding Related Matters entered by the Court on October 4, 2022 [D.I. 481] (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Sale Procedures Order”), (iv) that certain Order entered by the Court on December 31, 2024 [D.I. 1517] (the “December Order”), (v) that certain Order entered by the Court on January 27, 2025 [D.I. 1554] (the “January Order”), (vi) that certain Order entered by the Court on April 25, 2025 [D.I. 1745] (the “April Scheduling Order”), (vii) that certain Order entered by the Court on June 13, 2025 [D.I. 1809] (the “June Scheduling Order”), and (viii) that certain Order entered into by the Court on August 22, 2025 [D.I. 2110] (the “August Scheduling Order”, and, together with the April 2021 Order, the May Order, the Sale Procedures Order, the December Order, the January Order, the April Scheduling Order and the June Scheduling Order, collectively, the “Sale Process Orders”).

WHEREAS, Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A., a Venezuelan company (“PDVSA”), owns all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of PDV Holding, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), which consists of 1,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (collectively, the “Shares”).

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sale Procedures Order, the Special Master has the authority to enter into this Agreement in making his determination to the Court as to which of the Qualified Bids (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order) was highest or best, and in making a recommendation to the Court as to which Qualified Bid is the Successful Bid (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order).

WHEREAS, the Buyer desires to purchase the Shares upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement.

WHEREAS, each of Rusoro Mining Ltd. (“Rusoro”), Koch Minerals Sàrl (“KM”), and Koch Nitrogen International Sàrl (“KNI” and, together with KM, “Koch”, and, collectively, with Rusoro, the “Record Holders”) is a creditor who is a party to the Specified Litigation and have each obtained a writ of attachment by January 12, 2024 (each, a “Specified Litigation Claim”),

and each such Specified Litigation Claim is secured by a valid and duly perfected lien on the Shares.

WHEREAS, the Buyer intends to effectuate a credit bid in respect of certain obligations owed to the Record Holders pursuant to those certain writs of attachment in *Rusoro Mining Limited v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*, Case No. 21-mc-481-LPS (D. Del.) and *Koch Minerals Sàrl et al. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*, Case No. 22-mc-156-LPS (D. Del.), for a portion of the Purchase Price equal to the aggregate amount of principal of \$2,009,272,932.70 plus the aggregate amount of accrued interest on judgments held by the Record Holders from August 29, 2025 through the Closing in accordance with that certain Order entered by the Court on April 25, 2024 [D.I. 1136] (the “Credit Bid Amount”), which, in conjunction with the Closing Consideration and other amounts to be paid by Buyer hereunder, will be in exchange for the transfer to the Buyer, as applicable, of the Shares.

WHEREAS, on the date of the Sale Order Entry, the Buyer shall deposit with Acquiom Clearinghouse LLC, in its capacity as escrow agent (the “Escrow Agent”), the sum of \$50,000,000 (such amount, the “Deposit Amount”) in cash, to be held in the Escrow Account pursuant to the terms of that certain Escrow Agreement, to be entered into on or prior to the date of the Sale Order Entry, by and among the Special Master, the Buyer and the Escrow Agent, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Escrow Agreement”), to be released in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Escrow Agreement.

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2016, PDVSA, as issuer, entered into the 2020 Indenture whereby PDVSA issued the 2020 Bonds which were purportedly secured, in part, by a pledge of 50.1% of the equity in CITGO Holding, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned direct subsidiary of the Company (the “Purported Equity Pledge”).

WHEREAS, at the Closing, the Buyer intends to effectuate a consensual exchange of the 2020 Bonds for cash in accordance with the terms of that certain Transaction Support Agreement, dated August 12, 2025, by and among Amber Energy Inc. and certain 2020 Bondholders party thereto (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Transaction Support Agreement”) and pursuant to which Transaction Support Agreement the requisite 2020 Bondholders consent to the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and the release and full termination of the Purported Equity Pledge;

WHEREAS, at the Closing (as defined below), the Buyer shall deposit the Closing Consideration (as defined below) with the Escrow Agent in cash pursuant to the terms of the Escrow Agreement, to be released to those creditors of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (the “Republic”) or PDVSA that are party to the Specified Litigation and who have obtained a writ of attachment on or before January 12, 2024 (the “Claimholders”) or the Buyer, in accordance with the provisions of the Escrow Agreement and that certain Paying Agent Agreement, to be entered into on or prior to the date of the Sale Order Entry by and among the Buyer, the Special Master and Acquiom Financial LLC, in its capacity as paying agent (the “Paying Agent”), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Paying Agent Agreement”).

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that, as part of an integrated plan that includes the acquisition by the Buyer of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement, immediately after Closing, (i) the Buyer intends to merge downstream with and into the Company, with the Company surviving and (ii) a to-be-formed Delaware limited liability company and, after giving effect to the acquisition and the merger contemplated by the foregoing clause (i), wholly owned direct subsidiary of the Company intends to merge with and into CITGO Petroleum (as defined below), with CITGO Petroleum surviving.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the respective representations, warranties, covenants and agreements set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE MATTERS

Section 1.1. Certain Defined Terms. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings specified in Annex A or elsewhere in this Agreement.

Section 1.2. Other Definitional and Interpretive Matters.

(a) Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, for purposes of this Agreement, the following rules of interpretation shall apply:

(i) Calculation of Time Period. When calculating the period of time before which, within which or following which any act is to be done or step is to be taken pursuant to this Agreement, the date that is the reference date in calculating such period shall be excluded. If the last day of such period is a non-Business Day, the period in question shall end on the next succeeding Business Day. The word “day” shall mean “calendar day” unless “Business Day” is expressly identified.

(ii) Dollars. Any reference in this Agreement to “\$” shall mean U.S. dollars. The specification of any dollar amount in the representations and warranties or otherwise in this Agreement or in the Exhibits or the Company Disclosure Schedules is not intended and shall not be deemed to be an admission or acknowledgment of the materiality of such amounts or items, nor shall the same be used in any dispute or controversy between the Parties to determine whether any obligation, item or matter (whether or not described herein or included in the Company Disclosure Schedules) is or is not material for purposes of this Agreement.

(iii) Exhibits/Schedules. The Exhibits and the Company Disclosure Schedules annexed hereto or referred to herein are an integral part of this Agreement and are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement as if set forth in full herein. Any matter or item disclosed on one Schedule or section of the Company Disclosure Schedules shall be deemed to have been disclosed on each other Schedule or section of the Company Disclosure Schedules in which it is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure that the information is required to be included in such other Schedule or section of the Company Disclosure Schedules. Disclosure of any item on any Schedule of the Company Disclosure Schedules shall not constitute an admission, indication,

acknowledgment or representation that such item or matter is material or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. No disclosure on a Schedule of the Company Disclosure Schedules relating to a possible breach or violation of any Contract, Law or Order shall be construed as an admission, indication, acknowledgment or representation that a breach or violation exists or has actually occurred. Any capitalized terms used in any Schedule of the Company Disclosure Schedules or Exhibit but not otherwise defined therein shall be defined as set forth in this Agreement.

(iv) Gender and Number. Any reference in this Agreement to gender shall include all genders, and words imparting the singular number only shall include the plural and vice versa.

(v) Headings. The provision of a table of contents, the division of this Agreement into Articles, Sections and other subdivisions and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect or be utilized in construing or interpreting this Agreement. All references in this Agreement to any “Section” or “Article” are to the corresponding Section or Article of this Agreement unless otherwise specified.

(vi) Herein. The words “herein,” “hereinafter,” “hereof,” and “hereunder” refer to this Agreement as a whole and not merely to a subdivision in which such words appear unless the context otherwise requires.

(vii) Inclusive Terms. The word “including” or any variation thereof means (unless the context of its usage otherwise requires) “including, without limitation” and shall not be construed to limit any general statement that it follows to the specific or similar items or matters immediately following it. The term “any” means “any and all.” The term “or” shall not be exclusive and shall mean “and/or.”

(viii) Reflected On or Set Forth In. An item arising with respect to a specific representation or warranty shall be deemed to be “reflected on” or “set forth in” a balance sheet or financial statements, to the extent any such phrase appears in such representation or warranty, if (A) there is a reserve, accrual or other similar item underlying a number on such balance sheet or financial statements that related to the subject matter of such representation or warranty, (B) such item is otherwise specifically set forth on the balance sheet or financial statements or (C) such item is reflected on the balance sheet or financial statements and is specifically set forth in the notes thereto.

(ix) Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Any reference herein to the “Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela” or the “Republic” shall include any successor nation thereto, and shall encompass any and all governments and administrations that purport to be Venezuela’s legitimate governing body.

(x) Special Master and the Acquired Companies. Any pre-Closing obligation of any of the Acquired Companies hereunder shall be deemed to include an obligation of the Special Master to “Cause” the Acquired Companies to comply with such obligation. With respect to any obligation of the Special Master hereunder to “Cause” any of the Acquired Companies to take an action or refrain from taking an action, or which

otherwise requires action (or refraining from action) by any such Acquired Company, such obligation shall be deemed to be an obligation of the Special Master to use reasonable best efforts to cause the Company or the applicable Company Subsidiary to take such action (or refrain from taking such action), including by seeking an order from the Court with respect to such action or refraining from taking such action. For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Acquired Companies, PDVSA or the Republic is a party hereto, and the Special Master shall not be deemed to be in breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement as a result of a failure by the Special Master to Cause any of the Acquired Companies to take any action or refrain from taking any action prior to the Sale Order Entry.

(xi) “Made Available.” Unless expressly stated otherwise, references to any document or information having been “delivered”, “furnished”, “provided” or “made available” to the Buyer or its Representatives shall mean such document, item or information has been posted to the VDR or transmitted directly by email from the Special Master’s advisors to the Buyer or its Representatives at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Execution Date.

(b) The Parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement and, in the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as jointly drafted by the Parties and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement. The language used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the language chosen by the Parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction shall be applied against any Person.

## ARTICLE II

### SALE AND PURCHASE OF THE SHARES; CLOSING

Section 2.1. Sale and Purchase of Shares. Subject to approval of this Agreement by the Court, and upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and in the Sale Order, and pursuant to the authority provided to the Special Master under the Sale Procedures Order and the May Order, at the Closing, the Special Master shall sell, assign, transfer, convey and deliver to the Buyer, and the Buyer shall purchase and accept from the Special Master, the Shares, free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Liens and transfer restrictions imposed by applicable securities Laws).

Section 2.2. Closing. The consummation of the sale and purchase of Shares (the “Closing”) shall take place at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on a date to be specified by the Parties, which date shall be no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Business Day after satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VII (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of those conditions at such time), remotely by electronic exchange of documents and signatures, unless another time, date or place is agreed to in writing by the Parties. The date on which the Closing actually occurs is referred to in this Agreement as the “Closing Date.”

Section 2.3. Closing Deliveries of the Parties.

(a) Deliveries by the Special Master. At or prior to the Closing, the Special Master shall deliver or otherwise cause to be delivered to the Buyer:

(i) Affirmation. An affirmation, executed by the Special Master, stating that the Special Master has used reasonable best efforts to cause the Chief Financial Officer of the Company to confirm the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 7.2(a) as of the Closing Date;

(ii) Stock Certificate. The original certificate evidencing all of the Shares, duly endorsed in blank, or accompanied by a stock power duly executed in blank by the Special Master; and

(iii) FIRPTA Certificate. A validly issued certificate from the Company, in such form consistent and in accordance with the requirements of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.897-2(h)(2) and 1.1445-2(c)(3)(i) and a validly issued notice to the IRS from the Company in accordance with the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.897-2(h)(2) (such certificate and notice issued by the Company, the “FIRPTA Certificate”).

(b) Deliveries by the Buyer. At or prior to the Closing, the Buyer shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Special Master:

(i) Closing Certificate. A certificate, dated as of the Closing Date, signed by an authorized officer of the Buyer as to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 7.3(a) and Section 7.3(b); and

(ii) Closing Release. A counterpart to the Closing Release, duly executed by the Buyer and each Record Holder as of the Closing.

### ARTICLE III

#### PURCHASE PRICE; CLOSING DATE PAYMENTS

Section 3.1. Purchase Price. The aggregate consideration payable by the Buyer for the Shares shall be the Purchase Price. The Purchase Price shall not be subject to any adjustments (including, for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to the Debt Payoff Amount) other than as set forth in the definition of Purchase Price. The Incremental Consideration included in the Purchase Price may be used only (x) to extinguish \$500,000,000 of the Attached Judgment of Gold Reserve Ltd., (y) to extinguish all or a portion of other Attached Judgments as determined by the Special Master in consultation with the Buyer or (z) as otherwise determined by the Court.

Section 3.2. Closing Transaction Expenses; Funds Flow Memorandum.

(a) No later than five (5) Business Days prior to the Closing Date, the Special Master shall provide the Buyer with a written statement (the “Closing Transaction Expenses Statement”) reflecting the Special Master’s calculation of Closing Transaction Expenses in accordance with the definition of Closing Transaction Expenses hereunder, along with reasonable

supporting documentation. The Closing Transaction Expenses Statement shall be binding on the Parties for purposes of this Section 3.2 and shall be used to determine the Purchase Price.

(b) No later than one (1) Business Day after the Special Master's delivery of the Closing Transaction Expenses Statement, the Special Master shall distribute to the Buyer a detailed funds flow memorandum in Excel format (including all underlying calculations, formulas and amounts therein) setting forth all payments to be made by or on behalf of the Parties at Closing in accordance with this Agreement (the "Funds Flow Memorandum"). The Special Master will consider in good faith the Buyer's reasonable comments and changes to the Funds Flow Memorandum. The Parties agree that the Buyer shall be entitled to rely on the Funds Flow Memorandum in making payments under Section 3.4 and the Buyer shall not be responsible for the calculations or the determinations regarding such calculations in the Funds Flow Memorandum or liable for any claim by any Claimholder that any payments made in accordance with the Funds Flow Memorandum were not made in accordance with the Priority Order [D.I. 996], dated March 1, 2024 in the Specified Litigation or were otherwise improper.

Section 3.3. Good Faith Deposit. On the date of the Sale Order Entry, the Buyer shall deposit into the Escrow Account with the Escrow Agent an amount equal to Deposit Amount in cash. The Deposit Amount will be released by the Escrow Agent and delivered to either the Buyer or, at the direction of the Special Master, the Paying Agent, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Escrow Agreement and the Sale Procedures Order. The Deposit Amount will be distributed out of the Escrow Account as follows (and the Buyer and the Special Master hereby agree to promptly deliver joint written instructions to the Escrow Agent to the extent required by the Escrow Agent to effect such distributions as and when required hereunder):

(a) if the Closing occurs, the Buyer and the Special Master shall jointly instruct the Escrow Agent in writing to disburse the Deposit Amount to the Paying Agent by wire transfer of immediately available funds out of the Escrow Account;

(b) if a Deposit Forfeiture Termination Event occurs, the Buyer and the Special Master shall promptly (and in any event within five (5) Business Days of such termination) deliver joint written instructions to the Escrow Agent directing the release of the balance of the Escrow Account to the Paying Agent Account; and

(c) if this Agreement is terminated for any reason other than as contemplated by Section 3.3(b), the Buyer and the Special Master shall promptly (and in any event within two (2) Business Days of such termination) deliver joint written instructions to the Escrow Agent directing the release of the balance of the Escrow Account to the Buyer or its designees.

Section 3.4. Closing Date Payments by the Buyer.

(a) Payment in respect of Debt. At the Closing, the Buyer shall pay, or cause to be paid, on behalf of the Acquired Companies, the Debt Payoff Amount by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the Persons as specified in the "payoff letters" or similar documents, executed by the applicable lender(s) (or agent thereof) or as set forth in the applicable indenture with respect to each item of Specified Debt (the "Payoff Letters").

(b) Payment in respect of the Closing Transaction Expenses. At the Closing, the Buyer shall pay, or cause to be paid, the Closing Transaction Expenses to the applicable recipients as set forth on the Closing Transaction Expenses Statement by wire transfer of immediately available funds to such Persons.

(c) Payment in respect of Expense Reserve Holdback Amount. At the Closing, the Buyer shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the Expense Reserve Holdback Account an amount equal to the Expense Reserve Holdback Amount as set forth in the Funds Flow Memorandum. The Expense Reserve Holdback Amount will be used by the Special Master to pay the Special Master's compensation and any out-of-pocket costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Special Master on or after the date of the delivery of the Closing Transaction Expenses Statement by the Special Master related to the Transactions or any Action related to or arising therefrom for investment bankers, third-party consultants, legal counsel and any of his other Representatives or Advisors (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order) and such amount shall be paid or distributed at the direction of the Special Master; provided, that any amounts remaining in the Expense Reserve Holdback Account after all such costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Special Master have been so paid or distributed shall be paid to the Paying Agent Account as promptly as practicable upon the later of (i) three (3) years following the Closing Date and (ii) one (1) year after all Actions, if any, brought against the Special Master relating to the Transactions have been definitively adjudicated by a court of final determination.

(d) Payment in respect of Reimbursement for Advanced Transaction Expenses. At the Closing, in accordance with the May Order, the Buyer shall pay, or cause to be paid, an amount to the Paying Agent Account equal to the aggregate amount of the Advanced Transaction Expenses paid by the Sale Process Parties and Additional Judgment Creditors prior to the Closing (the "Advanced Transaction Expenses Amount") as set forth in the Funds Flow Memorandum.

(e) Payment in respect of Closing Consideration. At the Closing, the Buyer shall pay, or cause to be paid (including by causing the Record Holders to pay), (i) an amount equal to the sum of the Credit Bid Amount and (ii) an aggregate amount of cash equal to the Closing Consideration to the Paying Agent Account (together with the Credit Bid Amount, the "Credit Bid Purchase Price") as set forth in the Funds Flow Memorandum. The portion of the Credit Bid Purchase Price equal to the Credit Bid Amount shall be paid by means of a credit against an amount equal to the Credit Bid Amount that is due and owing under the Specified Litigation Claims by the delivery of an executed Closing Release by the Buyer and the Record Holders as set forth in Section 2.3(b)(ii). The Closing Consideration distributed by the Paying Agent to a Claimholder shall constitute partial or full and final satisfaction of payment of the applicable Attached Judgment, as applicable, to the extent of the amount distributed, including any and all claims in respect of such Attached Judgment that have been, could have been, or may have been, or may be asserted against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(f) Payment in respect of Termination Fee and Expense Reimbursement Amount. At the Closing, the Buyer shall pay, or cause to be paid, in each case as set forth in the Funds Flow Memorandum, (i) an amount to the Stalking Horse Bidder equal to the Termination Fee, and (ii) an amount to the Topping Bidder equal to the Expense Reimbursement Amount.

Section 3.5. Withholding. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, except as otherwise provided for in this Section 3.5, the Buyer shall be entitled to deduct and withhold (without duplication) from any and all payments made under this Agreement such amounts that are required to be deducted and withheld with respect to the making of such payments under the Code or under any provisions of state, local or foreign Tax Law, provided, that the Buyer shall (i) prior to making any deduction or withholding of any amount pursuant to this Section 3.5 (and in any event no later than ten (10) days prior to making any payment hereunder), provide written notice to the applicable recipient of any anticipated deduction or withholding (together with the legal basis thereof) and (ii) cooperate in good faith with the applicable recipient to reduce or eliminate any amounts that would otherwise be deducted or withheld. To the extent that any amounts are so withheld and timely paid over to the proper Taxing Authority, such withheld and deducted amounts will be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the recipient of the payment in respect of which such deduction or withholding was made. The Buyer acknowledges and agrees that, other than a deduction or withholding attributable to the failure of the Company to provide the FIRPTA Certificate described in Section 2.3(a)(iii), no withholding applies to the Closing Consideration under Chapter 3 or Chapter 4 of the Code and any and all payments of the Closing Consideration made by the Buyer or its Affiliates (including any Acquired Company) shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes imposed under Chapter 3 or Chapter 4 of the Code.

## ARTICLE IV

### REPRESENTATIONS RELATING TO THE COMPANY AND THE SPECIAL MASTER

It is represented and warranted to the Buyer based solely upon the Specified Information furnished by the Designated Managers to the Special Master in accordance with the Procedures Summary that, as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date and as of the Closing, except as disclosed in the correspondingly numbered section of the disclosure schedules delivered to the Buyer simultaneously with the execution of this Agreement (the “Company Disclosure Schedules”) (it being agreed that any matter or item disclosed in one Schedule or section of the Company Disclosure Schedules shall be deemed to have been disclosed on each other Schedule or section of the Company Disclosure Schedules in which it is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure that the information is required to be included in such other Schedule or section of the Company Disclosure Schedules):

#### Section 4.1. Corporate Existence; Title to Shares.

(a) The Company is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Delaware and has all requisite corporate powers and all governmental franchises, licenses, permits, authorizations, consents and approvals required to enable it to own, lease or otherwise hold its properties and assets and to carry on its business as now conducted, except for those the absence of which would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to materially impair the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole. The Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing under the Laws in each jurisdiction in which the character of the property owned or leased by it or the nature of its activities or the ownership or leasing of its properties make such qualification necessary, except for those jurisdictions where the failure to be so qualified would not, individually or in the

aggregate, be reasonably likely to materially impair the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole. The Special Master has heretofore made available to the Buyer true, correct and complete copies of the certificate of incorporation of the Company (the "Company Charter"), and the by-laws of the Company (the "Company By-Laws"). There is no pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened Legal Proceedings for the dissolution, liquidation, insolvency, or rehabilitation of any of the Acquired Companies.

(b) The Special Master (or his counsel or advisors) is in possession of the original certificate evidencing 100% of the Shares. PDVSA is the record and beneficial owner of all of the outstanding Shares. To the extent provided by, and subject to the decrees of, the Sale Procedures Order, the Special Master has the legal capacity, power and authority to (i) execute and deliver this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which the Special Master is or will be a party, and (ii) surrender the Shares pursuant to the Transactions, and sell, transfer, assign, and deliver the Shares to the Buyer, in each case, the delivery of which will convey good and marketable title to the Shares, free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Liens and transfer restrictions imposed by applicable securities Laws).

(c) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Special Master and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Buyer, and subject to the Sale Order Entry, will constitute, and each other Transaction Document (to the extent the Special Master is or will be a party thereto), when executed and delivered by the Special Master (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the other parties thereto), subject to the Sale Order Entry, will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Special Master, enforceable against the Special Master in accordance with its terms, except that such enforcement may be limited by the Equitable Exceptions.

Section 4.2. Governmental Authorization. Except as set forth in Section 4.2 of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the execution, delivery and performance by the Special Master of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and the consummation by the Special Master of the Transactions require no action by or in respect of, or filing with, any Governmental Body other than (a) applicable requirements of Antitrust Laws as set forth in Section 4.2 of the Company Disclosure Schedules, (b) the OFAC License, (c) the entry of the Sale Order by the Court (the "Sale Order Entry"), and (d) other actions or filings the absence or omission of which would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole.

Section 4.3. Non-Contravention. Except as set forth in Section 4.3 of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the execution, delivery and performance by the Special Master of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and the consummation by the Special Master of the Transactions do not and will not, assuming compliance with the matters referred to in Section 4.2, (a) result in any Negative Consequences under the Company Charter or the Company By-Laws or the Organizational Documents of any of the Acquired Companies or, to the Knowledge of the Company (and based only on information made available to the Acquired Companies with respect to the Non-Controlled Entities prior to the Topping Bidder SPA Date), any of the Non-Controlled Entities, (b) contravene or conflict with or constitute a violation of any provision of any Law binding upon or applicable to the Acquired Companies or, to the Knowledge of the Company, the Non-Controlled Entities, (c) result in any Negative Consequences under any (i)

Material Contract or (ii) any license, franchise, permit or other similar authorization held by the Acquired Companies, or (d) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any asset of the Acquired Companies, except for such Negative Consequences referred to in clauses (b) or (c) or Liens referred to in clause (d) that would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole.

Section 4.4. Capitalization.

(a) The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 1,000 Shares. There are 1,000 Shares issued and outstanding, all of which are owned by PDVSA. The Shares have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and have not been issued in violation of any preemptive rights or Preferential Rights. The Shares constitute the only outstanding Equity Interests of the Company and are not subject to any Preferential Rights.

(b) Except for this Agreement, there is no outstanding option, warrant, call, right, or Contract of any character to which the Company is a party requiring, and there are no Equity Interests of the Company outstanding which upon conversion or exchange would require, the issuance of any Shares or other securities convertible into, exchangeable for or evidencing the right to subscribe for or purchase Shares. Other than as set forth in Section 4.4(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, there are no outstanding equity appreciation, phantom equity, stock unit, profit participation, equity, equity-based performance or similar rights with respect to the Company. The Company is not a party to any voting trust or other Contract with respect to the voting, redemption, sale, transfer or other disposition of the Shares.

Section 4.5. Subsidiaries; Non-Controlled Entities.

(a) Section 4.5(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules reflects a true and complete list of each entity in which the Company owns, directly or indirectly, any Equity Interests (excluding Equity Interests owned directly or indirectly by Non-Controlled Entities), and with respect to each entity (except as otherwise provided in this Section 4.5(a)), sets forth the following information: (i) its name and jurisdiction of organization or formation; (ii) the number of authorized shares or other Equity Interests as of the date hereof (with respect to Company Subsidiaries only); and (iii) the number of issued and outstanding shares or other Equity Interests, the names of the holders thereof, and the number of shares or other Equity Interests held by each such holder (with respect to Company Subsidiaries only). Except as set forth in Section 4.5(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the Company does not, directly or indirectly, own any Equity Interests in any other entity.

(b) Each Company Subsidiary and, to the Knowledge of the Company, each non-Controlled Entity, is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of its jurisdiction of organization, to the extent such concepts are recognized under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, and has all requisite corporate (or similar entity) power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to carry on its business in all material respects as now conducted, except where the failure to be so organized, existing and in good standing or to have such power and authority would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole. Each Company Subsidiary: (i) is duly qualified or authorized to do business as a foreign corporation or entity and

is in good standing to the extent such concepts are recognized under the Laws of each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or the ownership of its properties requires such qualification or authorization, except where the failure to be so qualified, authorized or in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole and (ii) has full organizational power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and carry on its business as presently conducted, except where the failure to have such power and authority would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole.

(c) The Special Master has heretofore made available to the Buyer true, correct and complete copies of the Organizational Documents of each Company Subsidiary.

(d) The outstanding Equity Interests of each Company Subsidiary are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, to the extent such concepts are applicable to such Equity Interests, and have not been issued in violation of any preemptive rights or Preferential Rights or similar rights, and all such Equity Interests represented as being owned by the Company or any Company Subsidiaries are owned by it free and clear of any Liens, other than (i) Liens securing Debt of the Company or any Company Subsidiaries (which Liens shall be removed on or before the Closing), (ii) Liens relating to the transferability of securities under applicable securities Laws, (iii) Liens created by acts of the Buyer or any of its Affiliates and (iv) the Purported Equity Pledge and Liens as a result of the 2020 Bonds. There is no outstanding option, warrant, call, Preferential Right, right or Contract to which any Company Subsidiary is a party requiring, and there are no convertible securities of any Company Subsidiary outstanding which upon conversion would require, the issuance of any Equity Interests of any Company Subsidiary or other securities convertible into Equity Interests of any Company Subsidiary. No Company Subsidiary is a party to any voting trust or other Contract with respect to the voting, redemption, sale, transfer or other disposition of the Equity Interests of such Company Subsidiary.

#### Section 4.6. Financial Statements.

(a) Section 4.6(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth true, correct, and complete copies of: (i) the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Acquired Companies reflected therein as of December 31, 2023, December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2021, the related audited consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, stockholder's equity and cash flow of the Acquired Companies for the fiscal year then ended, together with the related notes thereof (the "Audited Financial Statements"); and (ii) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Acquired Companies (the "Company Balance Sheet") as of September 30, 2024 (the "Company Balance Sheet Date") and the related condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, stockholder's equity and cash flows of the Acquired Companies for the nine-month period then ended (the "Interim Financial Statements" and, collectively with the Audited Financial Statements, the "Financial Statements"). Except as set forth in the notes to the Financial Statements and with the exception of the absence of normal year-end audit adjustments and footnotes in the Interim Financial Statements, each of the Financial Statements has been prepared in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto) and fairly presents, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Acquired Companies as of the dates and for the periods indicated therein.

(b) The Acquired Companies (i) maintain a standard system of accounting established and administered in accordance with GAAP and (ii) have established and maintain a system of internal controls over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the financial reporting and the preparation of the Financial Statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. Except as disclosed on Section 4.6(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, there (x) are no significant deficiencies or weaknesses in any system of internal accounting controls used by each of the Acquired Companies, (y) has not been since the Lookback Date any fraud or other unlawful wrongdoing on the part of any of management or other employees of the Acquired Companies who have a significant role in the preparation of Financial Statements or the internal accounting controls used by the Company and each of its Subsidiaries relating to such preparation or controls, or (z) has not been since the Lookback Date any claim or allegation regarding any of the foregoing.

Section 4.7. Absence of Certain Changes. Except as contemplated by this Agreement, from the Company Balance Sheet Date to the date of this Agreement:

(a) the Acquired Companies have conducted their businesses in the Ordinary Course in all material respects;

(b) there has not been a Company Material Adverse Effect; and

(c) no Acquired Company has entered into, terminated, amended or otherwise modified any Contracts set forth in Section 4.20 of the Company Disclosure Schedules (Affiliate Transactions).

Section 4.8. No Undisclosed Material Liabilities. The Acquired Companies have no material liabilities of any kind that would be required to be reflected in or reserved against on a consolidated balance sheet of the Company or in the notes thereto prepared in accordance with GAAP, other than:

(a) liabilities that are adequately accrued and specifically reflected in the Company Balance Sheet or the notes thereto;

(b) liabilities incurred since the Company Balance Sheet Date in the Ordinary Course and which, individually or in the aggregate, would not be reasonably likely to be material to the Acquired Companies (taken as a whole);

(c) liabilities or obligations that have been discharged or paid in full in the Ordinary Course or which, individually or in the aggregate, would not be reasonably likely to have a Company Material Adverse Effect;

(d) liabilities or obligations under this Agreement or otherwise in connection with the Transactions; or

(e) liabilities or obligations set forth in Section 4.8(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedules.

Section 4.9. Legal Proceedings As of the Topping Bidder SPA Date, except for the Specified Litigation and as set forth in Section 4.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedules and as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, there are no material Legal Proceedings pending, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened in writing against the Acquired Companies before or by any Governmental Body (whether local, state, federal or foreign). As of the Topping Bidder SPA Date, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is subject to any outstanding judgment, Order, decree or injunction of any court or other Governmental Body (other than Orders of general applicability which do not impact the Acquired Companies in a manner that is materially different than the impact of similarly situated companies).

Section 4.10. Taxes. Except as set forth in the Company Balance Sheet (including the notes thereto) and except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to have a Company Material Adverse Effect:

(a) all income and other material Tax Returns required to be filed with any Taxing Authority by, or with respect to, the Acquired Companies have been filed (taking into account any applicable extensions) in accordance with all applicable Laws, the Acquired Companies have paid, or caused to be paid, all material Taxes shown as due and payable on such Tax Returns, and, as of the time of filing, such Tax Returns were true and complete in all material respects;

(b) all material amounts of Taxes which any of the Acquired Companies were obligated to withhold from amounts owing to any employee, creditor, owner or third party have been fully and timely paid;

(c) except as set forth in Section 4.10(c) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date, there is no Legal Proceeding or Claim in respect of any Tax or Tax Return (each, a "Tax Proceeding") now proposed in writing or pending against or with respect to the Acquired Companies;

(d) except as set forth in Section 4.10(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, none of the Acquired Companies have waived any statute of limitations in respect of Taxes beyond the Topping Bidder SPA Date or agreed to any extension of time beyond the Topping Bidder SPA Date with respect to a Tax assessment or deficiency (other than pursuant to extensions of time to file Tax Returns obtained in the Ordinary Course);

(e) except as set forth in Section 4.10(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the Acquired Companies are not a party to, are not bound by and do not have any obligation under any Tax sharing, allocation or indemnity agreement, or any similar agreement or arrangement, except for (i) any such agreement or arrangement solely between or among the Acquired Companies or (ii) any commercial agreement entered into in the Ordinary Course the primary purpose of which does not relate to Taxes;

(f) no claim has been made by a Taxing Authority in a jurisdiction where any of the Acquired Companies do not file Tax Returns that the Acquired Companies are or may be subject to taxation by that jurisdiction, which claim has not been resolved;

(g) none of the Acquired Companies will be required to include any material item of income in, or exclude any material item of deduction from, income for any Tax period (or portion thereof) ending after the Closing Date as a result of any: (i) change in method of accounting made on or prior to the Company Balance Sheet Date pursuant to Section 481(a) of the Code (or any comparable provision of applicable Law), (ii) “closing agreement” as described in Section 7121 of the Code (or any comparable provision of applicable Law), (iii) installment sale or open transaction disposition made on or prior to the Company Balance Sheet Date, or (iv) prepaid amount received on or prior to the Company Balance Sheet Date;

(h) none of the Acquired Companies has participated in any “reportable transaction” (other than a “loss transaction”) within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4; and

(i) there are no Liens with respect to Taxes upon any asset of the Acquired Companies other than Permitted Liens.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, no representation or warranty is made with respect to the existence, availability, amount, usability or limitations (or lack thereof) of any net operating loss, net operating loss carryforward, capital loss, capital loss carryforward, basis amount or other Tax attribute (whether federal, state, local or foreign) of the Acquired Companies after the Closing Date, and none of the Buyer or any of its Affiliates (including, after the Closing, the Acquired Companies) may rely on any of the representations and warranties in this Section 4.10 with respect to any position taken in or any Taxes with respect to any Post-Closing Tax Period.

#### Section 4.11. Company Benefit Plans; Employment.

(a) The Special Master has provided the Buyer with a list (set forth in Section 4.11(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules) identifying each material Company Benefit Plan as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date.

(b) With respect to each material Company Benefit Plan, the Special Master has made available to the Buyer true, complete and correct copies (or, to the extent such plan is unwritten, an accurate written description), to the extent applicable, of: (i) the current plan and trust document and any amendments thereto and the most recent summary plan description, together with each subsequent summary of material modifications with respect to such Company Benefit Plan, (ii) the most recent annual report on Form 5500 thereto (including any related actuarial valuation report) filed with the Internal Revenue Service (if any such report was required), (iii) the most recent financial statements, (iv) the most recent Internal Revenue Service determination, opinion or advisory letter, and (v) for the three (3) most recent years, nondiscrimination testing results in respect of such Company Benefit Plan. For purposes of this Section 4.11(b), summary plan descriptions and summaries of material modification available at <https://www.hr.citgo.com> as of five (5) Business Days prior to the Execution Date are considered

to have been made available to the Buyer. The Special Master has made available copies of Code Section 280G calculations prepared by the Company or its representatives (whether or not final) with respect to certain employees of the Acquired Companies in connection with the Transactions.

(c) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole, (i) each Company Benefit Plan has been established, maintained, operated, funded and administered in compliance with (A) its terms and (B) the requirements prescribed by Law (including, to the extent applicable, ERISA and the Code) which are applicable to such Company Benefit Plan and (ii) all benefits, contributions and premium payments required to be made with respect to a Company Benefit Plan have been timely made or paid in full, or to the extent not required to be made or paid in full, have been accrued and reflected on the Financial Statements as required by GAAP.

(d) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole, (i) no Acquired Company or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates has incurred any liability under Title IV of ERISA, Sections 412, 430 or 4971 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA that has not been satisfied in full when due, and (ii) all insurance premiums with respect to Company Benefit Plans, including premiums to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (“PBGC”), have been paid when due. No Acquired Company or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates currently sponsors, maintains, or contributes to (or is obligated to contribute to) or has, within the last six (6) years, sponsored or maintained, contributed to or been obligated to contribute to (i) a “multiemployer plan,” as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA, (ii) a “multiple employer plan” as defined in Section 413(c) of the Code, or (iii) a “multiple employer welfare arrangement” within the meaning of Section 3(40) of ERISA.

(e) Except as set forth in Section 4.11(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, with respect to any Company Benefit Plan that is subject to Title IV of ERISA: (i) there does not exist any failure to meet the “minimum funding standard” of Section 412 of the Code or 302 of ERISA (whether or not waived); (ii) such plan is not in “at-risk” status for purposes of Section 430 of the Code; (iii) as of the last day of the most recent plan year ended prior to the Topping Bidder SPA Date, there is no “amount of unfunded benefit liabilities” as defined in Section 4001(a)(18) of ERISA; (iv) except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole, no reportable event within the meaning of Section 4043(c) of ERISA has occurred; and (v) the PBGC has not instituted proceedings to terminate any such plan and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no circumstances exist which would serve as a basis for the institution of such proceedings.

(f) Each Company Benefit Plan that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so qualified and has received a favorable determination letter or opinion letter, if applicable, from the Internal Revenue Service, and the related trust is intended to be exempt from federal income taxation under the Code and is so exempt. There are no facts or set of circumstances and, to the Knowledge of the Company, nothing has occurred that would reasonably be expected to cause the loss of such qualification or exemption or reasonably be expected to result in any Company Benefit Plan being required to pay any Tax or penalty under applicable Law that is material to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole as a condition to maintaining such qualification or exemption. Each trust funding any Company Benefit Plan which is intended to

meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(9) of the Code meets such requirements and provides no disqualified benefits (as such term is defined in Section 4976(b) of the Code).

(g) Except (i) as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole or (ii) as set forth in Section 4.11(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, no Acquired Company has any obligation or liability to provide post-employment medical or welfare benefits, except (A) as required by the continuing coverage requirements of COBRA and at the sole expense of the participant or such participant's spouse or dependents or (B) death or disability benefits under any retirement or deferred compensation plan. To the Company's Knowledge, since the Lookback Date, there have been no written communications by the Acquired Companies to employees of any Acquired Company which promise or guarantee post-employment medical or welfare benefits on a permanent basis.

(h) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole, no Acquired Company nor any plan sponsor or plan administrator of a Company Benefit Plan, or to the Company's Knowledge, any third-party fiduciary of a Company Benefit Plan, has engaged in any prohibited transaction (within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) or breached any fiduciary duty under ERISA with respect to such Company Benefit Plan that would be reasonably likely to subject any Acquired Company or Company Benefit Plan to any Tax or penalty (civil or otherwise) imposed by ERISA, the Code or other applicable Law, or any other material liability. Except (i) as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole, or (ii) as set forth in Section 4.11(h) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, there are no pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened claims (other than routine claims for benefits) by or on behalf of any Company Benefit Plan or any trusts which are associated with such Company Benefit Plans and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no facts or circumstances exist that would reasonably be expected to result in such claim. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole, as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date, none of the Company Benefit Plans are under audit or subject to an administrative proceeding or, to the Knowledge of the Company, investigation or examination by the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor, the PBGC or any other Governmental Body.

(i) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole, each Company Benefit Plan that is a "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" within the meaning of Section 409A(d)(1) of the Code that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, complies with, and has been operated and administered in compliance with, Section 409A of the Code and the regulations and related guidance promulgated thereunder.

(j) Except (x) as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole, or (y) as set forth in Section 4.11(j) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, neither the execution, delivery or the performance of this Agreement nor the consummation of the Transactions (alone or in conjunction with any other event) will or could reasonably be expected to (i) accelerate the time

of payment or vesting or increase the amount of, or trigger any funding of, compensation or benefits under any Company Benefit Plan; (ii) result in any limitation on the right of an Acquired Company or Buyer, or any of their respective Affiliates, to amend, merge, terminate or receive a reversion of assets from a Company Benefit Plan or related trust; (iii) entitle any current or former director, officer, manager, employee, contractor or consultant of any Acquired Company to severance pay, termination pay or any other similar payment, right or benefit; (iv) result in any payment, right or benefit that (A) would not be deductible under Section 280G of the Code or (B) would result in any excise tax on any “disqualified individual” (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code) under Section 4999 of the Code. Except as set forth in Section 4.11(j) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, none of the Acquired Companies has any obligation to gross-up or reimburse any current or former director, officer, manager, employee, contractor or consultant of any Acquired Company for any Taxes or related interest or penalties incurred by such individual, including under Section 4999, 409A or 105(h) of the Code.

(k) No Company Benefit Plan is maintained primarily in respect of any current or former director, officer, manager, employee, contractor or consultant of any Acquired Company who is located outside of the United States.

(l) Except as set forth in Section 4.11(l) of the Company Disclosure Schedules and as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, (i) the Acquired Companies are in material compliance with all applicable Laws respecting employment, employment practices and terms and conditions of employment, including all Laws relating to labor, labor relations, collective bargaining, occupational safety and health, and wages, hours, worker classification, immigration, whistleblower protections, reasonable accommodation, leaves of absence, paid sick leave, unemployment insurance, workers’ compensation, retaliation, harassment, and employment discrimination and (ii) there are no actual or, to the Knowledge of the Company, as of the Execution Date, threatened unfair labor practice charges, labor grievances, or labor arbitrations against the Acquired Companies which, individually or in the aggregate, are expected to result in material liability for the Company.

(m) To the Knowledge of the Company, as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date, no employee of the Acquired Companies holding a position of executive vice president or above has notified the Company or the Acquired Companies in writing of an intention to resign, retire, or otherwise terminate his or her employment prior to the Closing or in connection with the Transactions nor, to the Knowledge of the Company as of the Execution Date, does any such employee have an intention to do so.

(n) Except as set forth in Section 4.11(n) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, (i) as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date, none of the Acquired Companies are party to or bound by any collective bargaining agreements or other agreement (each, a “Collective Bargaining Agreement”) with any labor union, works council, or other labor organization (each, a “Union”) and no such agreement is being negotiated by any of the Acquired Companies (each such Collective Bargaining Agreement set forth in Section 4.11(n) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, a “Company Collective Bargaining Agreement”); (ii) since the Lookback Date, to the Knowledge of the Company, no group of employees of an Acquired Company or Union has sought to organize any employees of an Acquired Company not covered by a Company Collective Bargaining Agreement for purposes of collective bargaining, made a demand for recognition or certification, sought to

bargain collectively with any Acquired Company, or filed a petition for recognition with any Governmental Body, except that resulted in entry into or involved a pre-existing Company Collective Bargaining Agreement; and (iii) since the Lookback Date, there has been no labor strike, lockout, slowdown, stoppage, picketing, boycott, hand billing, demonstration, leafletting, sit-in, sick-out, lockout or other form of organized labor disruption pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened against any Acquired Company.

(o) Since the Lookback Date, (i) to the Knowledge of the Company, no material allegations of sexual harassment or other sexual misconduct have been made by any current or former employee of the Acquired Companies against any current employee of the Acquired Companies with the title of executive vice president or above and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no employee of any Acquired Company has engaged in any cover up of such harassment or misconduct or knowingly aided or assisted any other person or entity to engage in any such harassment or misconduct, (ii) there are no Legal Proceedings pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened related to any allegations made by any current or former employee of the Acquired Companies of sexual harassment or other sexual misconduct against any employee of the Acquired Companies with the title of executive vice president or above and (iii) none of the Acquired Companies have entered into any settlement agreements related to allegations of sexual harassment or other sexual misconduct made by any current or former employee of the Acquired Companies against any current employee of the Acquired Companies with the title of executive vice president or above.

(p) Since the Lookback Date, the Acquired Companies have complied in all material respects with Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act and any similar state or local law, as amended (collectively, the “WARN Act”) and have not incurred any material liability or material obligation under the WARN Act.

(q) Except as would not be reasonably expected to result in material liability to the Company, each of the employees of the Acquired Companies have all work permits, immigration permits, visas, or other authorizations required by applicable Law for such individual given the duties and nature of such individual’s employment, and the Acquired Companies have on file for each employee of the Acquired Companies a Form I-9 that is validly and properly completed in accordance with applicable Law.

(r) No Acquired Company is a party to a U.S. federal Government Contract. The Acquired Companies are not, and have not been since the Lookback Date, the subject of any Legal Proceeding in connection with any U.S. federal Government Contract or related compliance with Executive Order No. 11246 of 1965, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974. The Acquired Companies are not debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible from doing business with the U.S. government or any U.S. government contractor.

(s) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to result in a material liability to the Acquired Companies taken as a whole; there are no, and since the Lookback Date there have not been, any material workers’ compensation claims, insured or uninsured, pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, relating to any employee of the Acquired Companies. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably

likely to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, all amounts required by any statute, insurance policy, Governmental Body or agreement to be paid by the Acquired Companies into any workers' compensation loss or reserve fund, collateral fund, sinking fund or similar account have been duly paid into such fund or account as required.

(t) Pursuant to the terms of the EPP and the RRP, the Company has established and maintains a grantor trust that will become irrevocable as of the Closing.

Section 4.12. Compliance with Laws; Permits.

(a) Except as set forth in Section 4.12(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, since the Lookback Date, (i) to the Knowledge of the Company, none of the Acquired Companies has materially violated or is in material violation of, any Laws except for any violations that, individually or in the aggregate, are not, and would not be reasonably likely to be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole and (ii) none of the Acquired Companies has received any written notice of or been charged with the material violation of any Laws except for any violations that, individually or in the aggregate, are not, and would not be reasonably likely to be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole.

(b) Except as set forth in Section 4.12(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the Acquired Companies have all Permits which are required for the operation of its respective business as presently conducted (and such Permits are in full force and effect), except for any Permit which the failure of the Acquired Companies to have (or to be in full force and effect) would not be material to the business of the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole. Except as would not be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, the Acquired Companies are, and since the Lookback Date have been, in compliance in all material respects with the terms, conditions or provisions of any such Permits.

Section 4.13. Regulatory Matters.

(a) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, and except as set forth in Section 4.13(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, since the Lookback Date, (i) none of the Acquired Companies, the Acquired Companies' directors, officers, employees, nor to the Knowledge of the Company, any Representatives or other Person acting on behalf of the Acquired Companies has violated any Anti-Corruption Law and (ii) none of the Acquired Companies, the Acquired Companies' directors, officers, employees, nor to the Knowledge of the Company, any Representatives or other Person acting on behalf of the Acquired Companies, has offered, paid, given, promised, authorized, solicited or received, the payment of, anything of value (including money, checks, wire transfers, tangible and intangible gifts, favors, services, employment or entertainment and travel) directly or indirectly to or from any employee, officer, or Representative of, or any Person otherwise acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of a Governmental Body, whether elected or appointed, including an officer or employee of a state-owned or state-controlled enterprise, a political party, political party official or employee, candidate for public office, or an officer or employee of a public international organization (such as the World Bank, United Nations, International Monetary Fund, or Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) (any such person, a "Government Official") (A) for the purpose of (1) influencing

any act or decision of a Government Official or any other person in his or her official capacity, (2) inducing a Government Official or any other person to do or omit to do any act in violation of his or her lawful duties, (3) securing any improper advantage, (4) inducing a Government Official or any other person to influence or affect any act or decision of any Governmental Body or (5) assisting the Acquired Companies, or any Acquired Company director, officer employee, Representative, or any other person acting on behalf of an Acquired Company in obtaining or retaining business, or (B) in a manner which would constitute or have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery or corruption, acceptance of, or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining or retaining business or any improper advantage.

(b) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, and except as set forth in Section 4.13(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, (i) the Acquired Companies and their respective directors, officers, employees, and, to the Knowledge of the Company, Representatives and other Persons acting for or on behalf of any of the foregoing Persons, are, and at all times since the Lookback Date, in compliance with all applicable Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws and all applicable Money Laundering Laws and (ii) in the five (5) years prior to the Topping Bidder SPA Date none of the Acquired Companies is a Sanctions Target or has carried on or carries on, any business, directly or knowingly indirectly, involving any Sanctions Target in violation of applicable Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws.

(c) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, and except as set forth in Section 4.13(c) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, since the Lookback Date (i) none of the Acquired Companies has conducted or initiated any internal investigation, review or audit, or made a voluntary, directed, or involuntary disclosure to any Governmental Body or third party with respect to any alleged or suspected act or omission arising under or relating to any potential noncompliance with any applicable Anti-Corruption Law, Economic Sanctions/Trade Law, or Money Laundering Law, (ii) none of the Acquired Companies, nor any of their respective directors or officers, nor, to the Knowledge of the Company, any employees (other than officers), Representatives, or any other Person acting at the direction of an Acquired Company has received any written notice, request or citation (including a whistleblower complaint) for any actual or potential noncompliance with any applicable Anti-Corruption Law, Economic Sanctions/Trade Law or Money Laundering Law, (iii) the Acquired Companies have implemented and maintained internal controls, policies and procedures designed to detect and prevent violations of Anti-Corruption Laws, Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws and Money Laundering Laws, and (iv) the Acquired Companies have at all times made and maintained accurate books and records in material compliance with all applicable Anti-Corruption Laws, Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws or Money Laundering Laws.

Section 4.14. Environmental Matters. Except as set forth in Section 4.14 of the Company Disclosure Schedules and except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in the Acquired Companies incurring liabilities which are material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, (i) no written Claim or Order has been received by, and no Legal Proceeding is pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened by any Person against the Acquired Companies, and no penalty has been assessed or consent decree or Order issued by a Governmental Body against the Acquired Companies, in each case, with respect to any

matters arising out of any Environmental Law, which remains outstanding; (ii) the Acquired Companies have been since the Lookback Date, and are, in compliance with all Environmental Laws, which compliance includes obtaining, maintaining and complying with Permits required under Environmental Laws for the conduct of their respective businesses (the “Company Environmental Permits”); (iii) no Governmental Body has begun, or to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened to begin, any Legal Proceeding to terminate, revoke, cancel, suspend, materially reform or not renew any Company Environmental Permit; (iv) to the Knowledge of the Company, there is no investigation pending or threatened against the Acquired Companies by any Governmental Body alleging non-compliance with or liability under any Environmental Law; (v) to the Knowledge of the Company, the Acquired Companies have not generated, treated, stored, disposed of, arranged for the disposal of, transported, or Released, or exposed any Person to, any Hazardous Substances in a manner or concentration that has given rise, or would reasonably be expected to give rise, to liabilities of the Acquired Companies under Environmental Laws, which liability has not been resolved; (vi) to the Knowledge of the Company, no Hazardous Substances have been Released in or under, and no Hazardous Substances are migrating from, (x) properties currently, or to the Knowledge of the Company, formerly owned, leased or operated by the Acquired Companies in a manner or concentrations requiring the Acquired Companies to undertake any investigation, monitoring, removal or remediation under Environmental Laws or (y) to the Knowledge of the Company, any other properties in a manner or concentrations requiring the Acquired Companies to undertake any investigation, monitoring, removal or remediation under Environmental Laws; and (vii) none of the Acquired Companies has assumed by contract liabilities or obligations of any other Person arising under Environmental Laws. The Company has made available to the Buyer copies of all material, non-privileged environmental investigations, assessments or reports conducted in the three (3) years prior to the Topping Bidder SPA Date by or on behalf of the Acquired Companies in relation to any current or prior business of the Acquired Companies or any property or facility currently or previously owned, leased or operated by the Acquired Companies, which investigation, assessment or report reveals actual or potential unresolved material non-compliance with or liability under any Environmental Law, but excluding routine environmental monitoring reports conducted by the Acquired Companies in the Ordinary Course.

Section 4.15. Title to Properties. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, each of the Acquired Companies has good title to, or valid leasehold or other ownership interests or rights in, all its material properties and assets except: (i) for such interest or rights as are no longer used or useful in the conduct of the business of the Acquired Companies as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date or as have been disposed of in the Ordinary Course, and (ii) for defects in title, burdens, easements, restrictive covenants and similar encumbrances or impediments that, in each case that do not and will not, individually or in the aggregate, interfere with its ability to conduct its business as currently conducted. None of the properties and assets of the Acquired Companies are subject to any Liens (other than Permitted Liens) that, in the aggregate, interfere with the ability of the Acquired Companies to conduct their business in the Ordinary Course except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.16. Material Contracts.

(a) Section 4.16(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a true, correct and complete list of each Material Contract. For purposes of this Agreement, “Material Contract” shall mean any Contract to which any Acquired Company is a party or to which any assets, properties, or businesses of any Acquired Company are bound as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date (in each case, excluding (i) Contracts between or among Acquired Companies only and (ii) spot order Contracts entered into in the Ordinary Course) that:

(i) (A) limits in any material respect either the type of business in which any Acquired Company may engage or the manner or locations in which any of them may so engage in any business (including through “non-competition” or “exclusivity” provisions), (B) would require the disposition of any material assets or line of business of any Acquired Company or (C) grants “most favored nation” or similar status with respect to any material obligations and would run in favor of any Person (other than the Company or a wholly owned Company Subsidiary);

(ii) (A) is an indenture, loan or credit Contract, loan note, mortgage Contract, or other Contract representing, or any guarantee of, indebtedness for borrowed money of any Acquired Company in excess of \$10,000,000 (excluding any government-mandated or state-wide bonds or guarantees), (B) is a finance lease of any Acquired Company as lessee in excess of \$5,000,000, or (C) is a guarantee by any Acquired Company of indebtedness for borrowed money or any finance lease of any Person other than the Company or a wholly owned Company Subsidiary (excluding any government-mandated or state-wide bonds or guarantees);

(iii) grants (A) any right of first refusal, right of first negotiation or similar right, or (B) any put, call or similar right, to any Person (other than the Company or a wholly owned Company Subsidiary) with respect to any Equity Interest, property, or other asset, in each case, that is material to the Acquired Companies;

(iv) was entered into to resolve or settle any litigation or threatened litigation (A) for an amount in excess of \$15,000,000 payable by an Acquired Company (without taking into account insurance proceeds) or (B) which imposes any material non-monetary ongoing obligation on any Acquired Company (other than customary confidentiality obligations), in each case of clause (A) and clause (B), that has not been fully paid or performed, as applicable;

(v) limits or restricts the ability of any Acquired Company to declare or pay dividends or make distributions in respect of their Equity Interests that will be binding from and after the Closing;

(vi) is a partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, co-development or other similar agreement, relating to the formation, creation, operation, management or control of any partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, co-development or similar entity (however organized) in which the Company owns, directly or indirectly, through a Company Subsidiary (excluding Equity Interests owned directly or indirectly by any Non-Controlled Entities) any Equity Interest and has invested or is contractually required to invest capital (including for the avoidance of doubt with respect

to any Non-Controlled Entity or non-wholly owned Company Subsidiary, but excluding any wholly owned Company Subsidiary);

(vii) relates to the sale, transfer or acquisition or disposition of any material business, material assets (other than those providing for sales, transfers or acquisitions of assets in the Ordinary Course) or Equity Interests of any Acquired Company, in each case (A) for an amount in excess of \$10,000,000 in any transaction or series of related transactions (other than Contracts for transactions that were consummated prior to the Lookback Date or Contracts that do not contain any ongoing rights owing to, or obligations or liabilities of, any Acquired Company) or (B) pursuant to which any Acquired Company has any material ongoing obligations or liabilities (including in respect of indemnification, “earn-out” and similar contingent or deferred payment obligations);

(viii) is a Contract (A) with an employee of an Acquired Company, pursuant to which such employee is entitled to receive base salary in excess of \$400,000, (B) that provides for mandatory or potential severance payments by an Acquired Company in excess of \$100,000 or (C) with an employee, officer or director of any Acquired Company that (I) contains any non-compete or non-solicitation covenants or (II) modifies the at-will nature of the employment of any employee or otherwise requires advance notice for the termination of the Contract by any Acquired Company;

(ix) is a Contract providing for indemnification by an Acquired Company of any officer, manager, director or employee of any Acquired Company;

(x) is a Contract between or among any Acquired Company, on the one hand, and any Governmental Body, on the other hand;

(xi) is a term Contract with one of the ten largest suppliers of any applicable Business Unit of the Acquired Companies (as determined by dollar volume for the 12-month period immediately prior to the Company Balance Sheet Date); and

(xii) is a term Contract with one of the ten largest customers of any applicable Business Unit of the Acquired Companies (as determined by dollar volume for the 12-month period immediately prior to the Company Balance Sheet Date).

(b) Each Material Contract is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Acquired Companies as applicable. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, each Material Contract is in full force and effect and enforceable by the applicable Acquired Company, in each case, subject to the Equitable Exceptions, and none of the Acquired Companies or, to the Knowledge of the Company any other party to a Material Contract, is in material breach or violation of any provision of, or in material default under, any Material Contract, and no event has occurred that, with or without notice, lapse of time or both, would constitute a material breach, violation or default or give rise to a right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of any material right or obligation or loss of any benefit thereunder. A true and correct copy of each Material Contract has previously been made available to the Buyer.

(c) Since the Lookback Date, no Acquired Company has given or received (i) written notice regarding any actual or alleged or potential violation of any provision under any Material Contract or (ii) written notice threatening, intending or electing to terminate, repudiate, modify or cancel such Material Contract.

Section 4.17. Intellectual Property and Data Privacy.

(a) Section 4.17(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a list of all registered Intellectual Property that is owned by the Acquired Companies and is used in, held by, or held for use in the conduct of the business of the Acquired Companies as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date (“Registered Intellectual Property”). Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, the Acquired Companies own or possess the right to use, license and enforce all (i) patents and patent applications, (ii) registered, applied for, or unregistered trademarks, trade names, trade dress, service marks, logos, and business names, and all related goodwill, (iii) internet domain names, (iv) registered, applied for, or unregistered works of authorship and copyrights, including copyrights in computer software programs or applications, and (v) trade secrets, know-how and other confidential and proprietary information, including ideas, inventions (whether patentable or not), research, pricing and cost information, customer information, business plans, marketing plans, and proposals (collectively, “Intellectual Property”) that are used in, held by, or held for use in the conduct of the business of the Acquired Companies as currently conducted (collectively, the “Company Intellectual Property” and to the extent owned by the Acquired Companies the “Company Owned Intellectual Property”), free and clear of all Liens, except for Permitted Liens. To the Knowledge of the Company, the Registered Intellectual Property is valid and enforceable.

(b) (i) Since the Lookback Date, to the Knowledge of the Company, the conduct of the business of the Acquired Companies and use of the Company Intellectual Property does not and has not infringed upon or otherwise violated any Intellectual Property rights of any other Person; (ii) no third party is challenging, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, infringing or otherwise violating any right of the Acquired Companies in the Company Owned Intellectual Property; and (iii) since the Lookback Date, the Acquired Companies have not received written notice of any pending Claim, Order or Legal Proceeding with respect to any alleged or potential infringement or other violation of Intellectual Property rights of any other Person or with respect to any Company Intellectual Property. The Acquired Companies have taken commercially reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of any material proprietary information or trade secrets included in Company Intellectual Property.

(c) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, each current and former employee and independent contractor of any Acquired Company who has participated in the conception or development of any Intellectual Property has assigned to such Acquired Company by operation of law, or has entered into a valid and enforceable written agreement with such Acquired Company assigning to such Acquired Company all Intellectual Property created by such Person within the scope of such Person’s duties to the Acquired Company and prohibiting such Person from using or disclosing confidential information of the Acquired Company. To the Knowledge of the Company, no current or former employee or independent contractor of the Acquired Companies is in violation of any such agreement, and there has been no unlawful,

accidental, or unauthorized access to or use or disclosure of any trade secrets, know-how and other confidential and proprietary information of the Acquired Companies.

(d) Since the Lookback Date, no third party (including any employee, worker, contractor or subcontractor) has made any written claim to the Acquired Companies of ownership in respect of any of the Company Owned Intellectual Property.

(e) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, to the extent that the Acquired Companies license Intellectual Property to a third party or license any Intellectual Property belonging to any third party: (i) no such licenses have been the subject of any breach or default by any Acquired Company or, to the Company's Knowledge, any such third party; (ii) such licenses are valid and binding; (iii) such licenses have not been the subject of any claim, dispute or proceedings; and (iv) in respect of licenses of Intellectual Property by any Acquired Company to third parties, such licenses do not materially restrict any Acquired Company from using the Intellectual Property to which they relate.

(f) Since the Lookback Date, except as has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect: (i) materially complied with all applicable Laws and self-regulatory guidelines, PCI DSS, the obligations under their Contracts, and their public privacy policies, in each case, relating to the processing of any Personal Information (collectively, "Privacy Laws and Obligations"); (ii) implemented and maintained reasonable administrative, physical and technical safeguards designed to protect all Personal Information in their possession or under their control against loss, theft, or unauthorized access, use modification, disclosure; (iii) not experienced any material Security Incident, and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no service provider (in the course of processing Personal Information for or on behalf of the Acquired Companies) has suffered any material Security Incident impacting Personal Information in the possession or control of the Acquired Companies; and (iv) not received any written notice of any claims of, or been charged with, the violation of any Privacy Laws and Obligations.

(g) The Acquired Companies have used commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the introduction into the Systems, and, to the Company's Knowledge, such Systems do not contain, any ransomware, disabling codes or instructions, spyware, Trojan horses, worms, viruses or other software routines that permit or cause unauthorized access to, or disruption, impairment, disablement, or destruction of, software, data or other materials. The Acquired Companies have used commercially reasonable efforts to implement material security patches that are generally available for the Systems. To the Company's Knowledge, since the Lookback Date, the Systems have not suffered any unplanned or critical failures, continued substandard performance, errors, breakdowns or other adverse events that have caused any material disruption or interruption in the operation of the business of the Acquired Companies. The Acquired Companies have implemented and maintain commercially reasonable business continuity and disaster recovery plans, procedures and facilities for its business.

(h) The Acquired Companies have in place commercially reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality, integrity, availability and security of the Systems. To the Company's Knowledge, the Systems (i) are in good working order; (ii) function in all material respects in

accordance with all specifications and any other descriptions under which they were supplied; (iii) are substantially free of any material defects, bugs and errors; and (iv) are sufficient for the existing needs of the business of the Acquired Companies. The Acquired Companies have conducted commercially reasonable penetration tests at reasonable intervals on the Systems, and have addressed, or are in the process of addressing, all material issues raised in any such audits or penetration tests (including third party audits of the Systems).

Section 4.18. Brokers; Financial Advisor. No broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other Person, other than Evercore, is entitled to any commission, brokerage fee or “finders fee” in connection with the consummation of the Transactions.

Section 4.19. Real Property.

(a) Section 4.19(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a true, accurate and complete list as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date of all leases or subleases of real property with respect to which any Acquired Company is the tenant or lessee, together with a list of the addresses of all such real property (if specified in such lease or sublease) which are material to the Acquired Companies (individually, a “Real Property Lease” and, collectively, the “Real Property Leases”). Subject to the Equitable Exceptions, the applicable Acquired Company has a good, valid, binding and enforceable interest under each of the Real Property Leases and the vesting instruments under which an Acquired Company holds an easement or similar interest (such vesting instruments, collectively with the Real Property Leases, the “Vesting Instruments”), free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Liens). No Acquired Company nor, to the Knowledge of the Company, any other party to any Vesting Instrument is in material breach or default thereunder, and no event has occurred or condition exists that, with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute a default by an Acquired Company or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any other Person under any of the Vesting Instruments, other than defaults that have been cured or waived in writing. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, all landlord work or tenant work under each Real Property Lease has been completed and there are no leasing commissions due or payable with respect to any Real Property Lease. Each Vesting Instrument is in full force and effect and, to the Knowledge of the Company, is the valid, binding and enforceable obligation of each party thereto, in accordance with its terms.

(b) Section 4.19(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a true, accurate, and complete list of all real property owned in fee by the Acquired Companies (“Owned Real Property”) and together with the real property in which the Acquired Companies hold interests pursuant to the Vesting Instruments, the “Real Property”), together with the address of the applicable property. Each Acquired Company owns good, valid and marketable title in fee simple to the Owned Real Property and there are no outstanding Preferential Rights, ownership or use, or other contractual rights in favor of any other Person to purchase, acquire, sell, assign or otherwise dispose of any Acquired Companies’ interest in any Real Property or any portion thereof or interest therein. Each Acquired Company has the valid and enforceable power and unqualified right to use and sell, transfer, convey or assign the Owned Real Property, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens.

(c) Section 4.19(c) of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a complete list of all Owned Real Property held by the Acquired Companies as a tenant in common or other joint ownership structure (collectively, the “Jointly Owned Properties”), together with a detailed description of the respective ownership structure (and the applicable Acquired Company’s ownership percentage) of each Jointly Owned Property. None of the other owners of the Jointly Owned Properties have any rights of first refusal, rights of first offer or other Preferential Rights to purchase, or otherwise modify or later the applicable Acquired Company’s interest in, any of the Jointly Owned Properties that would be triggered by the Transactions.

(d) To the Knowledge of the Company, all material buildings, structures, improvements, fixtures, building systems and attached equipment, and all material components thereof, included in the Real Property are in good condition and repair, normal wear and tear excepted. No work has been done at the Real Property, and no materials have been supplied to the Real Property, that have not been paid for, and there are no material materialman’s liens or mechanic’s liens affecting the Real Property.

(e) The Real Property constitutes all interests in real property (i) currently used, occupied or held for use in connection with the business of the Acquired Companies as presently conducted and (ii) necessary for the continued operation of the business of the Acquired Companies. None of the improvements to any Real Property constitute a legal non-conforming use or otherwise require any special dispensation, variance or permit under any Law. To the Knowledge of the Company, the Company or the applicable Acquired Company has all certificates of occupancy, permits, licenses, certificates of authority, authorizations, approvals, registrations, and similar consents issued by or obtained from any Governmental Body necessary for the current use and operation of the Real Property, except for any such items where the failure of the applicable Acquired Company to hold or possess such item would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to any Acquired Company. The Real Property is in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws and fire, health, building, use, occupancy, subdivision and zoning codes.

(f) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, each Acquired Company and each parcel of Real Property (i) are now, and have been since the Lookback Date, in material compliance with all declarations of covenants, conditions or restrictions, restrictive covenants and reciprocal easement agreements, in each case, affecting any Real Property, and (ii) have not received any notice of any material breach, violation or default under any such declarations, agreements or easements since the Lookback Date.

(g) There do not exist any actual or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened condemnation or eminent domain proceedings that affect any Real Property or any part thereof.

(h) Since the Lookback Date, no Acquired Company has received written notice of any, and to the Knowledge of the Company there is no, default under any restrictive covenants or other encumbrances pertaining to the Real Property.

Section 4.20. Affiliate Transactions. Except as set forth in Section 4.20 of the Company Disclosure Schedules, none of the Acquired Companies, on the one hand, is party to any agreement

with PDVSA or its Affiliates (excluding the Acquired Companies and their Subsidiaries), on the other hand, pursuant to which an Acquired Company has material ongoing obligations. Other than the Shares, neither PDVSA nor any of its Affiliates (excluding the Acquired Companies and their Subsidiaries), owns any interest in or any property (real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible) of the Acquired Companies.

Section 4.21. Insurance. Section 4.21 of the Company Disclosure Schedules lists each material insurance policy maintained by the Acquired Companies with respect to the properties, assets, business, operations and employees of the Acquired Companies. To the Knowledge of the Company, all such policies are valid and binding on the Acquired Company and enforceable in accordance with their terms against the Acquired Companies, in each case except for the Equitable Exceptions, and all premiums with respect thereto have been paid to the extent due. To the Knowledge of the Company, there are no material Claims by the Acquired Companies pending under any such insurance policies as to which coverage has been denied by the underwriters of such policies. To the Knowledge of the Company, the Acquired Companies have not received written notice of termination or material reduction of coverage with respect to any of such insurance policies.

Section 4.22. No Additional Representations.

(a) Except for the representations and warranties made in (i) this Article IV, as qualified by the Company Disclosure Schedules, (ii) any certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement or (iii) any other Transaction Document, no Person makes or shall be deemed to make any other representation or warranty of any kind whatsoever, express or implied, written or oral, at law or in equity, with respect to any of the Acquired Companies or their respective businesses, operations, assets, liabilities or conditions (financial or otherwise) in connection with this Agreement or the Transactions, any other rights or obligations to be transferred pursuant to the Transaction Documents or any other matter, and the Special Master (on behalf of himself and the Company) hereby disclaims any such other representations or warranties. In particular, without limiting the foregoing disclaimer, except for the representations and warranties made in (i) this Article IV, as qualified by the Company Disclosure Schedules, or (ii) any certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement, no Person makes or has made any representation or warranty to the Buyer or any of its Affiliates or Representatives with respect to (x) projections, forecasts, estimates, financial statements, financial information, appraisals, statements, promises, advice, data or information made, communicated or furnished (orally or in writing, including electronically) or prospect information relating to the Acquired Companies or their respective businesses; or (y) except for the representations and warranties made in (i) this Article IV, as qualified by the Company Disclosure Schedules, (ii) any certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement, or (iii) any other Transaction Documents, any oral or written information presented to the Buyer or any of its Affiliates or Representatives in the course of their due diligence investigation of the Company, the negotiation of this Agreement or in the course of the Transactions (including any opinion, information, projection, or advice that may have been or may be provided to the Buyer by any Representative of the Company).

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, the Special Master acknowledges and agrees that neither the Buyer nor any other Person has made or is making, and the Special Master expressly disclaims reliance upon, any representations,

warranties or statements relating to the Buyer or any Buyer Subsidiaries whatsoever, express or implied, beyond those expressly given by the Buyer in Article V, as qualified by the Buyer Disclosure Schedules, or in any certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement or in any other Transaction Documents, including any implied representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of any information regarding the Buyer, furnished or made available to the Company, or any of its Representatives. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Special Master acknowledges that, except for the representations and warranties expressly provided in Article V, as qualified by the Buyer Disclosure Schedules, or in any certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement or in any other Transaction Documents, no representations or warranties are made with respect to any projections, forecasts, estimates, budgets or prospect information that may have been made available to the Special Master, the Company or any of their Representatives.

## ARTICLE V

### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE BUYER

The Buyer represents and warrants to the Special Master that, except as disclosed in the correspondingly numbered section of the disclosure schedules delivered by the Buyer to the Company simultaneously with the execution of this Agreement (the “Buyer Disclosure Schedules”):

Section 5.1. Existence and Power. The Buyer is a limited liability company duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of its jurisdiction of formation and has all requisite limited liability company powers and all governmental franchises, licenses, permits, authorizations, consents and approvals required to enable it to own, lease or otherwise hold its properties and assets and to carry on its business as now conducted. The Buyer is duly qualified to do business as a foreign limited liability company and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the character of the property owned or leased by it, the nature of its activities, or the ownership or leasing of its properties make such qualification necessary, except for those jurisdictions where the failure to be so qualified would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially impair or delay the ability of the Buyer to consummate the Transactions or perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 5.2. Authorization. The Buyer has all requisite limited liability company power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Transaction Documents, and each other agreement, document, instrument or certificate contemplated by this Agreement to be executed and delivered by the Buyer in connection with the consummation of the Transactions (the “Buyer Documents”). The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Buyer Documents by the Buyer, the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder, and the consummation by the Buyer of the Transactions have been duly authorized by all necessary limited liability company or organizational action on the part of the Buyer, and no shareholder or other similar approval is required in connection with the Buyer’s execution, delivery and performance of the Transactions. The sole member of the Buyer has duly approved this Agreement and the Transactions. This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding agreement against the Buyer, enforceable against the Buyer in accordance with its terms, except that such enforcement may be limited by the Equitable Exceptions.

Section 5.3. Governmental Authorization. The execution, delivery and performance by the Buyer of this Agreement and the consummation by the Buyer of the Transactions require no Order, authorization, or approval of, or filing with, any Governmental Body other than (a) applicable requirements of Antitrust Laws as set forth in Section 5.3 of the Buyer Disclosure Schedules and (b) the OFAC License.

Section 5.4. Non-Contravention. The execution, delivery and performance by the Buyer of this Agreement and the consummation by the Buyer of the Transactions do not and will not, assuming compliance with the matters referred to in Section 5.2 and Section 5.3, (a) contravene or conflict with the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Buyer, (b) contravene or conflict with or constitute a violation of any provision of any Law binding upon or applicable to the Buyer or any of the Buyer Subsidiaries, (c) constitute a default (or an event which with notice or the passage of time would become a default) under, or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of any right or obligation of the Buyer or any of the Buyer Subsidiaries or to a loss of any benefit to which the Buyer or any of the Buyer Subsidiaries is entitled under any provision of, any agreement, contract or other instrument binding upon the Buyer or any of the Buyer Subsidiaries or any license, franchise, permit or other similar authorization held by the Buyer or any of the Buyer Subsidiaries or (d) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien (other than Liens arising under applicable securities Laws) on any asset of the Buyer or any of the Buyer Subsidiaries, other than a lien on the stock of the Company in connection with the Debt Financing. As of the Execution Date, there is no Effect that would reasonably be expected to prevent, or impede or interfere with, the execution of this Agreement and the consummation by the Buyer of the Transactions.

Section 5.5. Litigation. Except as set forth in Section 5.5 of the Buyer Disclosure Schedules, there are no Legal Proceedings, pending against, or, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, threatened in writing against or affecting, the Buyer, any of the Buyer Subsidiaries, any of their respective properties or any of their respective officers or directors before any Governmental Body that would reasonably be expected to (a) prohibit or restrain the ability of the Buyer to enter into this Agreement or consummate the Transactions or (b) affect the legality, validity or enforceability of any Debt Financing. The Buyer is not subject to any Order of any Governmental Body that would reasonably be expected to (x) prohibit or restrain the ability of the Buyer to enter into this Agreement or consummate the Transactions or (y) affect the legality, validity or enforceability of any Debt Financing.

Section 5.6. Regulatory Matters.

(a) In the three (3) years prior to the Execution Date, (i) none of the Buyer or any of the Buyer Subsidiaries, nor any of their respective directors, officers, employees, nor, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, any Equity Financing Source, Representative, agent, or other person acting on behalf of the Buyer, any of the Buyer Subsidiaries, in each case in such capacity, has violated any applicable Anti-Corruption Law in any material respect, and (ii) none of the Buyer, any of the Buyer Subsidiaries, nor any of their respective directors, officers, employees, nor, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, any Representative, agent or any other person acting on behalf of the Buyer, the Buyer Subsidiaries, or any Equity Financing Source, in each case in such capacity, has offered, paid, given, promised, or authorized the payment of, anything of value (including money, checks, wire transfers, tangible and intangible gifts, favors, services, employment or entertainment

and travel) directly or indirectly to any Government Official (A) for the purpose of (1) influencing any act or decision of a Government Official or any other person in his or her official capacity, (2) inducing a Government Official or any other person to do or omit to do any act in violation of his or her lawful duties, (3) securing any improper advantage, or (4) inducing a Government Official or any other person to influence or affect any act or decision of any Governmental Body; or (B) in a manner which would constitute or have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery or corruption, acceptance of, or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining or retaining business or any improper advantage. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, none of the Buyer or any of the Buyer Subsidiaries, any of their respective directors, officers, employees, Affiliates or, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, any Equity Financing Source, Representative, agent, or other person acting on behalf of the Buyer, any of the Buyer Subsidiaries or any Equity Financing Source is a Venezuelan national or has any relationship to Nicolás Maduro, the United Socialist Party of Venezuela or any Affiliate thereof.

(b) (i) The Buyer, each of the Buyer Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees, and, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, agents, Equity Financing Sources, Representative, and other persons acting for or on behalf of any of the foregoing Persons, in each case in such capacity, are, and at all times in the three (3) years prior to the Execution Date, have been in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws and Money Laundering Laws and (ii) in the three (3) years prior to the Execution Date none of the Buyer or any of the Buyer Subsidiaries has been a Sanctions Target or has carried on or carries on, any business, directly or knowingly indirectly, involving any Sanctions Target in violation of applicable Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws.

(c) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect, in the three (3) years prior to the Execution Date (i) none of the Buyer, any of the Buyer Subsidiaries or, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, any Equity Financing Source, has conducted or initiated any internal investigation, review or audit, or made a voluntary, directed, or involuntary disclosure to any Governmental Body or third party with respect to any actual, alleged or suspected act or omission arising under or relating to any potential noncompliance with any applicable Anti-Corruption Law, Economic Sanctions/Trade Law, or Money Laundering Law, (ii) none of the Buyer, any of the Buyer Subsidiaries, nor any of their respective directors or officers, nor, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, any agents, employees (other than officers), Representatives, or any other person acting at the direction of the Buyer, any of the Buyer Subsidiaries or any Equity Financing Source has received any written notice, request or citation for any actual or potential noncompliance with any applicable Anti-Corruption Law, Economic Sanctions/Trade Law or Money Laundering Law, and (iii) the Buyer, each of the Buyer Subsidiaries and, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, the Equity Financing Sources have at all times made and maintained accurate books and records in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws, Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws or Money Laundering Laws, (iv) the Buyer, each of the Buyer Subsidiaries and, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, each of the Equity Financing Sources have at all times made and maintained accurate books and records in material compliance with all applicable Anti-Corruption Laws, Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws or Money Laundering Laws, and (v) in the three (3) years prior to the Execution Date, the Buyer, the Buyer Subsidiaries have implemented and maintained internal controls, policies and procedures designed to detect and prevent violations applicable Anti-Corruption Laws, Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws and Money Laundering Laws.

(d) Except as set forth in Section 5.6(d) of the Buyer Disclosure Schedules, the Buyer, the Buyer Subsidiaries, the Record Holders, each Record Holder's Subsidiaries and, to the Knowledge of the Buyer, the Equity Financing Sources, are each not a "foreign person" within the meaning of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, including all implementing regulations thereof.

Section 5.7. Financing.

(a) On the Execution Date, the Buyer has delivered to the Special Master true, correct, and complete copies of (i) the executed Equity Commitment Letters from the Equity Financing Sources, which Equity Commitment Letters each provide that the Special Master is an express third party beneficiary thereto (the "Equity Financing", and the commitments under the Equity Commitment Letters, the "Equity Financing Commitments") and (ii) (A) a fully-executed commitment letter from each of the Debt Financing Sources identified therein (together with all annexes, schedules, and exhibits thereto, as amended from time to time as permitted herein, each a "Debt Commitment Letter" and collectively, the "Debt Commitment Letters", and the commitments under the Debt Commitment Letters, the "Debt Financing Commitments"; the Debt Commitment Letters and the Equity Commitment Letters, collectively, the "Commitment Letters"), pursuant to which, and subject to the terms and conditions of which, the lenders party thereto have committed to lend the amounts set forth therein to the Buyer for the purpose of funding the Transactions in accordance with the terms set forth therein (the "Debt Financing" and, together with the Equity Financing, the "Financings"), and (B) each related fee letter (collectively, the "Fee Letters"), which copy of such Fee Letter may be redacted to remove only the fees, "market flex" and other economic terms set forth therein so long as such redacted information does not adversely affect the conditionality, availability or aggregate principal amount of the Debt Financing.

(b) As of the Execution Date, the Equity Commitment Letters are in full force and effect and have not been withdrawn, rescinded, replaced or terminated, or otherwise amended, restated, amended and restated, waived, supplemented or otherwise modified in any respect (and no such amendment, restatement or modification is contemplated). The Equity Commitment Letters are legal, valid and binding obligations (subject to the Equitable Exceptions) of the Buyer and the other parties thereto, enforceable in accordance with their terms.

(c) As of the Execution Date, the Debt Commitment Letters are in full force and effect and have not been withdrawn, rescinded, replaced or terminated, or otherwise amended, restated, amended and restated, waived, supplemented or otherwise modified in any respect except in accordance with both (x) the implementation of "market flex" provisions set forth in the applicable Fee Letters and (y) this Agreement (and no such amendment, restatement or modification is contemplated except any amendment, restatement or modification to add additional Debt Financing Sources). As of the Execution Date, the Debt Commitment Letters are legal, valid and binding obligations (subject to the Equitable Exceptions) of the Buyer and the other parties thereto, enforceable in accordance with their terms. There are no agreements, side letters or arrangements (other than the Debt Commitment Letters and the Fee Letters) relating to the Debt Financing Commitments or the Debt Financing that imposes or permits the imposition of conditions precedent to the funding of the Debt Financing on the Closing Date or would otherwise affect the availability of the Debt Financing on the Closing Date. As of the Execution Date, the Buyer and the Debt Financing Sources are not in breach of any of the terms or conditions set forth

in the Debt Commitment Letters. As of the Execution Date, no event has occurred which, with or without notice, lapse of time or both, constitutes a default or breach on the part of the Buyer under any term or condition of the Commitment Letters, and the Buyer does not have any reason to believe that it will be unable to satisfy, on a timely basis, any term or condition of closing to be satisfied by it contained in the Debt Commitment Letters, or that the full amount of the Equity Financing or the Debt Financing will not be available to the Buyer on the Closing Date. On the Execution Date, the Buyer has fully paid any and all commitment fees or other fees that, in each case, are required by the Debt Financing Commitments or any Fee Letter to be paid on or before the Execution Date. On the Execution Date, the Debt Commitment Letters contain all of the conditions precedent to the obligations of the parties thereunder to make the full amount of the Debt Financing available to the Buyer on the terms set forth therein and there are no contingencies that would permit the Debt Financing Sources to reduce the total amount of the Debt Financing below the Required Amount or impose any additional conditions precedent to the availability of the Debt Financing. As of the Execution Date, none of the Debt Financing Commitments have been terminated or withdrawn, no lender has notified the Buyer of its intention to terminate or withdraw the Debt Financing Commitments, and the Buyer does not know of any facts or circumstances that may be expected to result in any of the conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letters not being satisfied. To the extent this Agreement must be in a form acceptable to any lender providing Debt Financing, such lender or lenders have approved this Agreement.

(d) The obligations of the Buyer under this Agreement are not subject to any conditions regarding the Buyer's, its Affiliates', or any other Person's ability to obtain financing for the consummation of the Transactions contemplated hereby.

(e) The aggregate proceeds from the Debt Financing (net of original issue discount, upfront fees and other fees, premiums and charges payable in connection therewith, after giving effect to the maximum amount of "market flex" provided under the Debt Financing Commitments and each Fee Letter) together with the Equity Financing and Buyer's cash on hand will be sufficient for satisfaction of all of the Buyer's obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the Transactions, including the payment of the Closing Consideration, repayment of the Specified Debt and the payment of all associated costs and expenses (including the Closing Transaction Expenses) (collectively, the "Required Amount").

Section 5.8. Solvency. The Buyer is Solvent as of the Execution Date. Assuming (x) the accuracy of the representations and warranties set forth in Article IV, and (y) the performance by the Company and the Special Master of the covenants and agreements required to be performed by them under this Agreement prior to the Closing, the Buyer, the Company and their respective Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, will, after giving effect to all of the Transactions, including the payment of any amounts required to be paid in connection with the consummation of the Transactions and the payment of all related fees and expenses, be Solvent at and immediately after the Closing.

Section 5.9. Purported Equity Pledge. The Buyer acknowledges the existence of the 2020 Bonds, the Purported Equity Pledge and the Equity Pledge Litigation, without admitting to the validity of the 2020 Bonds or the Purported Equity Pledge.

Section 5.10. Claim Obligations. Schedule 5.10 sets forth, as of August 29, 2025, the principal amount due and owing under the Specified Litigation Claims. For the avoidance of doubt, such amount includes all interest, fees, expenses and premiums that have accrued in connection with the Specified Litigation Claims after the commencement of the applicable Specified Litigation.

Section 5.11. Closing Consideration. The Buyer will not provide any consideration to any holder of an Attached Judgment (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order) at the Closing unless each other holder of an Attached Judgment senior to such holder (as set forth in the Priority Order (as defined below)) has either (i) received cash in full in satisfaction of its Attached Judgment, (ii) consented to receive non-cash consideration in satisfaction of its Attached Judgment or (iii) consented to release its attachment (in which case it may, at its election, attempt to execute its judgment against other property besides the PDVH Shares). Nothing in this Section 5.11 precludes a bidder from offering, as part of its bid, non-cash consideration, including non-cash consideration to holders of Attached Judgments that are junior to holders of Attached Judgment who have, as of the time of the bid, not provided consent consistent with (ii) or (iii) above. The Special Master, as part of his obligation to make a recommendation to the Court as to which of the Qualified Bids is highest or best, and in making a recommendation to the Court as to which Qualified Bid is the Successful Bid (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order), shall consider the value of non-cash consideration and the likelihood of obtaining consents consistent with this provision. As part of the Special Master's recommendation of a Successful Bid, he will advise the Court as to whether he received Qualified Bids including a component of non-cash consideration, what that non-cash consideration was and which creditors it would be offered to, and how he evaluated the non-cash component in reaching his recommendation.

Section 5.12. No Additional Representations.

(a) Except for the representations and warranties expressly made by the Buyer in (i) this Article V, as qualified by the Buyer Disclosure Schedules, or (ii) any certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement, the Buyer makes (and shall not be deemed to make) no other representation or warranty of any kind whatsoever, express or implied, written or oral, at law or in equity, in connection with this Agreement or the Transactions, any other rights or obligations to be transferred pursuant to the Transaction Documents or any other matter, and the Buyer hereby disclaims any such other representations or warranties.

(b) Except for the specific representations and warranties expressly made by the Special Master in Article IV, and subject to the specifically bargained-for limitations as set forth in this Agreement, the Buyer acknowledges and agrees that the Special Master does not make, and that the Buyer is not relying upon, and will not rely upon any representation or warranty, expressed or implied, at law or in equity, made by any Person in respect of the Special Master or in respect of the Company and the Company's Subsidiaries' respective businesses, assets (including the stocks), liabilities, operations, prospects, or condition (financial or otherwise), including with respect to merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose of any assets, the nature or extent of any liabilities, the prospects of their respective businesses, the effectiveness or the success or profitability of any operations, or the accuracy or completeness of any confidential information memoranda, documents, projections, forecasts, opinions, advice, material, statement, data, or other information (financial or otherwise) regarding the Acquired Companies provided to,

or otherwise made available to, the Buyer or its Representatives in connection with the Transactions, including any “data rooms,” “virtual data rooms,” management presentations, or in respect of any other matter or thing whatsoever. The Buyer expressly disclaims that is relying on any representations or warranties, other than the specific representations and warranties expressly made by the Special Master in Article IV or in any certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement.

## ARTICLE VI

### COVENANTS

#### Section 6.1. Conduct of the Business Pending the Closing.

(a) During the Interim Period, except (w) with the prior written consent of the Buyer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), (x) as expressly permitted or required by this Agreement, (y) as may be required by applicable Law, or (z) any action taken, or omitted to be taken, by the Acquired Companies as set forth in Section 6.1(a) or (b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies to use their reasonable best efforts to (i) conduct their business in the Ordinary Course, (ii) preserve intact their business organizations, assets (ordinary wear and tear excepted), ongoing operations, and goodwill, and maintain material relationships with third parties (including suppliers, vendors, creditors, licensors and employees of the Acquired Companies and Governmental Bodies having regulatory authority in respect of the Acquired Companies and their operations), (iii) comply in all material respects with all applicable Laws and (iv) preserve and maintain all material Permits.

(b) Without limiting the generality of Section 6.1(a), except (v) with the prior written consent of the Buyer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), (w) as expressly permitted or required by this Agreement, (x) as required to comply with a Material Contract that has been disclosed in the Company Disclosure Schedules, (y) as may be required by applicable Law, or (z) as set forth in Section 6.1(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies not to:

(i) (A) amend or propose any change in the Company Charter or Company By-Laws, (B) permit any Company Subsidiary to amend or propose any change in such Company Subsidiary’s Organizational Documents, or (C) vote in favor of the amendment of any of the Organizational Documents of any Non-Controlled Entity;

(ii) (A) (I) adopt a plan or agreement of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, merger or consolidation of any of the Acquired Companies, or (II) incur or assume any liability or expense in connection with the complete or partial liquidation or wind-down of any of the Acquired Companies, or (B) vote in favor of the adoption of a plan or agreement of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, merger or consolidation, of any Non-Controlled Entity;

(iii) (A) other than with respect to growth or enhancing capital expenditures or commitments, which are addressed in (B) and (C) below, make or authorize any capital expenditures or commitments, except (I) for 2025, in accordance with the capital budgets of the Acquired Companies for 2025 as set forth in Section 6.1(b)(iii)(A)(I)

of the Company Disclosure Schedules, (II) for 2026, in accordance with the capital budgets to be adopted by the Acquired Companies for 2026 (which such capital budgets will not exceed, in the aggregate, the 2026 projection included in the medium term plan set forth in Section 6.1(b)(iii)(A)(II) of the Company Disclosure Schedules by more than 10% (the “MTP”)), and (III) for any subsequent year, in accordance with the capital budgets of the Acquired Companies to be adopted by the Acquired Companies for such subsequent year (which such capital budgets will not exceed, in the aggregate, the projection included in the MTP for such subsequent year by more than 15%) (each of the foregoing, a “CapEx Budget”) (provided, that, the Acquired Companies may make or authorize capital expenditures or commitments in excess of any applicable CapEx Budget so long as such excess expenditures do not, in the aggregate, result in an expenditure above 120% of the aggregate amount included in the applicable CapEx Budget), (B) approve any Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) or any growth or enhancing capital expenditures or projects in excess of \$15,000,000 (except, during 2025, for any projects as provided in the applicable CapEx Budget and for 2026, 2027 and subsequent years, as provided in the MTP), (C) with respect to any line item in excess of \$15,000,000 for growth or enhancing capital expenditures in any CapEx Budget, make or authorize an increase with respect to such line item in excess of 20% of the applicable budgeted amount, or (D) propose or vote in favor of any capital expenditures or commitments that would reasonably be expected to require additional cash contributions by any Acquired Company to any Non-Controlled Entity in amounts in excess of \$3,000,000 in the aggregate for all Non-Controlled Entities;

(iv) make or authorize any turnaround or catalyst expenditures or commitments, except (A) for 2025, in accordance with the turnaround/catalyst budget of the Acquired Companies for 2025 as set forth in Section 6.1(b)(iv)(A)(I) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, (B) for 2026, in accordance with the turnaround/catalyst budget of the Acquired Companies to be adopted by the Acquired Companies for 2026 (which such turnaround/catalyst budgets will not exceed the 2026 projection included in the MTP by more than 10%), and (C) for any subsequent year, in accordance with the turnaround/catalyst budget of the Acquired Companies to be adopted for such subsequent year (which such turnaround/catalyst budget will not exceed, in the aggregate, the projection included in the MTP for such subsequent year by more than 15%) (each turnaround/catalyst budget described in clauses (A)-(C), a “Turnaround/Catalyst Budget”); (provided, that, (1) the Acquired Companies may make or authorize turnaround or catalyst expenditures or commitments in excess of any applicable Turnaround/Catalyst Budget so long as such excess expenditures collectively do not result in an expenditure above 120% of the aggregate amount included in the applicable Turnaround/Catalyst Budget and (2) to the extent any turnaround project is expected to exceed the applicable budgeted amount in the applicable Turnaround/Catalyst Budget by more than 20%, the Acquired Companies will provide Buyer with a detailed explanation of such deviation promptly following such approval or expenditure, and provided, further, that, to the extent that the Acquired Companies determine that any turnaround/catalyst project included in the Turnaround/Catalyst Budget for a specific year should instead, in whole or in part, be executed in 2026 or a subsequent year, the inclusion of the remaining expenses with respect thereto in the Turnaround/Catalyst Budget 2026 or such subsequent year, as applicable, will not count towards the variance cap applicable to the Turnaround/Catalyst Budget to

be adopted for such subsequent year and will not require the prior written consent of Buyer);

(v) except as required under any Company Benefit Plan or Company Collective Bargaining Agreement, (A) increase the compensation of any [REDACTED] of any Acquired Company (such current and former employees, together, “Senior Management”), or take any action to accelerate the vesting or payment, or fund or in any other way secure the payment of, compensation or benefits under any Contract, Company Benefit Plan or otherwise for or to any current or former director, officer, manager, employee, contractor or consultant of any Acquired Company; provided that nothing in this Section 6.1(b)(v) shall prohibit (x) providing annual increases to compensation based on merit (with respect to the immediately preceding performance period only), market-based adjustments or tenure in the Ordinary Course and in accordance with standards, policies and practices of the Acquired Companies in place as of the Execution Date and disclosed to the Buyer, or (y) making, in the Ordinary Course and in accordance with standards, policies and practices of the Acquired Companies in place as of the Execution Date and disclosed to the Buyer, annual cash bonus and long term cash incentive grants that (I) do not provide for single trigger vesting upon the Closing and (II) do not provide for full vesting and payout of performance-based components in the case of a qualifying termination of the recipient after the Closing; (B) make, grant or promise any equity or equity-based compensation, severance, change of control, retention, termination or similar compensation or benefits to any current or former director, officer, manager, employee, contractor or consultant of any Acquired Company; provided, that, nothing in this Section 6.1(b)(v) shall prohibit making, granting or promising severance, change of control, retention, termination, or similar compensation or benefits in amounts which are less than \$1,000,000 in the aggregate; (C) amend, adopt, establish, agree to establish, enter into or terminate any Company Benefit Plan or establish, adopt or enter into any plan, agreement, program, policy, practice, trust or other arrangement that would be a Company Benefit Plan if it were in existence as of the Execution Date for the benefit of any current or former director, officer, manager, employee, contractor or consultant of any Acquired Company; provided that nothing in this Section 6.1(b)(v) shall prohibit (x) amendments to any Company Benefit Plan in the Ordinary Course that do not materially increase the costs to the Acquired Companies of such Company Benefit Plan, or (y) renewals or replacements of any Company Benefit Plan on commercially reasonable terms no less favorable in the aggregate to the Acquired Companies than the terms of the Company Benefit Plan being renewed or replaced; (D) terminate (other than for “cause” (as determined by the Company consistent with its practices)) any member of Senior Management; or (E) except as required by applicable Law, adopt or enter into any collective bargaining agreement, or amend in any material respect any Company Collective Bargaining Agreement (and, for the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Section 6.1(b) shall restrict the Acquired Companies from entering into a successor collective bargaining agreement to any Company Collective Bargaining Agreement that expires prior to Closing) (provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, to the extent any action with respect to employees or Company Benefit Plans is not prohibited by this Section 6.1(b)(v), then Section 6.1(b)(xii) will not be deemed to restrict any such action);

(vi) acquire (x) all or a substantial portion of the capital assets of any other Person (or of any business) or (y) the business organization, division or other business of any other Person (in case of clause (x) or (y), whether by merger, consolidation, acquisition of Equity Interests or assets or otherwise), except that the Acquired Companies shall be permitted to make (A) acquisitions pursuant to any Contract in effect on the Execution Date that is made available to the Buyer and listed in Section 6.1(b)(vi) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, (B) acquisitions of assets solely among the Company and wholly owned Company Subsidiaries, or among wholly owned Company Subsidiaries, or (C) acquisitions of assets pursuant to the receivables securitization transaction evidenced by the Receivables Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 18, 2020, among CITGO AR2008 Funding Company, LLC, CITGO Petroleum, the various purchasers and purchaser agents from time to time party thereto, and Barclays Bank PLC, as program administrator, and the Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of December 18, 2020, between CITGO Petroleum and CITGO AR2008 Funding Company, LLC (each as amended and collectively, the “Receivables Securitization Facility”); provided, that any acquisitions included in the capital expenditures permitted under Section 6.1(b)(iii) shall not be subject to the restrictions set forth in this Section 6.1(b)(vi);

(vii) propose or vote in favor of any action by a Non-Controlled Entity to acquire (x) all or a substantial portion of the capital assets of any other Person (or of any business) or (y) the business of any other Person (whether by merger, consolidation, acquisition of Equity Interests or assets or otherwise), except that the Acquired Companies shall be permitted to vote in favor of acquisitions of capital assets of any other Person or business of any other Person by a Non-Controlled Entity in the Ordinary Course so long as such acquisition would not require additional cash contributions by any Acquired Company to any Non-Controlled Entity in excess of \$5,000,000 individually or \$10,000,000 in the aggregate for all Non-Controlled Entities;

(viii) (A) sell, lease, license, pledge or otherwise encumber (including by the grant of any option or any Preferential Right thereon) (other than by Permitted Liens) or subject to any Lien, abandon, cancel, let lapse or convey or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any material assets or material property of any Acquired Company (excluding any issuance of any Equity Interest of any Acquired Company addressed in Section 6.1(b)(xiv)) or (B) propose or vote in favor of any action by a Non-Controlled Entity to sell, lease, license, pledge or otherwise encumber (including by the grant of any option or any Preferential Right thereon) (other than by Permitted Liens) or subject to any Lien, abandon, cancel, let lapse or convey or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any material assets or material property of such Non-Controlled Entity, in each case except (I) pursuant to existing Contracts set forth in Section 6.1(b)(viii) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, (II) sales of inventory to customers in the Ordinary Course, (III) sales of or disposals of obsolete or worthless assets in the Ordinary Course, or (IV) with respect to the immediately preceding clause (A) only, (x) transfers among (1) CITGO Petroleum and any Subsidiary thereof (the “CITGO Petroleum Subsidiaries”), (2) a CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary and another CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary or (3) the Acquired Companies (other than CITGO Petroleum and any CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary), or (y) dispositions pursuant to the Receivables Securitization Facility;

(ix) (A) incur, create or otherwise become liable for any indebtedness for borrowed money or guarantee or assume any indebtedness for borrowed money of another Person (other than (I) borrowings or other advances of capital pursuant to the Receivables Securitization Facility as in effect on the date hereof and without giving effect to any amendments or modifications thereto that would increase the maximum amount available to be borrowed or advanced thereunder or (II) indebtedness for borrowed money incurred in the Ordinary Course that, in the case of this clause (II) does not exceed \$50.0 million in the aggregate, or (III) finance leases in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250.0 million outstanding at any time) or (B) with respect to any Non-Controlled Entity, propose or vote in favor of such Non-Controlled Entity incurring, creating or otherwise becoming liable for any indebtedness for borrowed money, guaranteeing or assuming any indebtedness for borrowed money of another Person (other than any Non-Controlled Entity's incurrence of any incremental indebtedness for borrowed money incurred in the Ordinary Course that is not in excess of \$10,000,000 in the aggregate (net to the applicable Acquired Company));

(x) prepay, repay, redeem, repurchase, defease, or cancel any indebtedness for borrowed money in excess of \$10,000,000 in the aggregate, in each case, for cash, other than (A) for transactions among (1) CITGO Petroleum and any CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary, (2) a CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary and another CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary or (3) the Acquired Companies (other than CITGO Petroleum and any CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary), (B) prepayment and repayment of borrowings or advanced capital to the extent required pursuant to the terms of the Receivables Securitization Facility, (C) prepayment and repayment of revolving loans in the Ordinary Course and (D) any required amortization payments, mandatory prepayments, and repayments at maturity, in each case in accordance with the terms of the 2021 Indenture, the 2023 Indenture, the 1995 Loan Agreement, the 1998 Loan Agreement, the 2002 Loan Agreement and the under the Master Reimbursement Agreement instrument governing such indebtedness for borrowed money as in effect on the Execution Date;

(xi) (A) other than in the Ordinary Course, materially modify, amend, fail to exercise any renewal rights, terminate or waive any material right under any Material Contract or any material Vesting Instrument (other than amendments to renew any Material Contract on the same (or better in respect of the applicable Acquired Company) terms and conditions in all material respects as the terms and conditions of such Material Contract as of the Execution Date) or (B) enter into any Contract that would be a Material Contract if in effect as of the Execution Date, other than in the Ordinary Course (including entry into indemnification agreements with directors or officers in substantially the same form as indemnification agreements made available to the Buyer prior to the date hereof), and provided, that, with respect to this Clause (B), such Contracts do not (I) limit in any material respect either the type of business in which any Acquired Company may engage or the manner or locations in which any of them may so engage in any business (including through "non-competition" or "exclusivity" provisions), or (II) grant "most favored nation" or similar status with respect to any material obligations and would run in favor of any Person (other than an Acquired Company); provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Agreement will limit the ability of CITGO Petroleum to execute guarantees of the Company's payment obligations pursuant to the Contracts disclosed in Section 6.6(a)

of the Company Disclosure Schedules or New Indemnification Agreements (such guarantees, collectively, the “CITGO Petroleum Guarantees”) and; provided, further, that no Acquired Company shall enter into, amend or renew any Contract with PDVSA;

(xii) except for any such change which is not material or which is required by reason of a concurrent change in GAAP or applicable Law, change any method of financial accounting or financial accounting practice (other than any change for Tax purposes, which shall be governed by Section 6.1(b)(xiv)) used by it;

(xiii) (A) enter into any joint venture, partnership, participation, profit-sharing or other similar arrangement or (B) make any loans, capital contributions or advances to or investments in any other Person (other than (I) investments by (1) CITGO Petroleum in any CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary, (2) by a CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary in another CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary or (3) by any Acquired Company (other than CITGO Petroleum and any CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary) into another Acquired Company (other than CITGO Petroleum and any CITGO Petroleum Subsidiary), (II) pursuant to capital calls required pursuant to the terms of existing Contracts to the extent disclosed on Section 6.1(b)(xiii) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, or (III) advances for reimbursable employee expenses in the Ordinary Course or advancements of expenses to directors and officers of the Acquired Companies pursuant to bona fide advancement provisions under the Company Charter, Company By-Laws, Organizational Documents of any of the Company Subsidiaries or any indemnification agreement with any such director or officer);

(xiv) (A) (I) make, revoke or amend any material election relating to Taxes or change any of its Tax accounting periods or Tax accounting methods currently in effect, (II) other than in the Ordinary Course, settle any Tax Proceeding, or (III) other than in the Ordinary Course, file any amended Tax Return, in each case of the foregoing clauses (I), (II) and (III), if such action is reasonably likely to result in an increase to a Tax liability of the Acquired Companies that is material to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, or (B) with respect to any Non-Controlled Entity, vote in favor of or propose that such Non-Controlled Entity take any action described in the immediately preceding clause (A); provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing will not prohibit the Acquired Companies from taking any action in good faith as a result of, or to comply with, changes in applicable Tax Laws;

(xv) authorize, issue, reserve for issuance, pledge, transfer or otherwise encumber, sell or redeem or enter into any Contract providing for any of the foregoing with respect to, any Equity Interests of any of the Acquired Companies or any Equity Interests of any Non-Controlled Entity owned by any Acquired Company (including, in each case, any split, combination, recapitalization or reclassification of any such Equity Interests);

(xvi) other than as set forth in Section 6.1(b)(xvi) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, declare, set aside, make or pay dividends or similar distributions (whether in cash, stock or property) on or with respect to the Shares or otherwise, other than dividends or similar distributions between or among the Company and the Company Subsidiaries; provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Agreement will limit the Acquired Companies’ ability to satisfy payables to PDVSA described on Section

4.20 of the Company Disclosure Schedules; provided, further, that (i) in no event shall any dividend or distribution be made, directly or indirectly, to PDVSA (other than the satisfaction of "Payables to Affiliates" as described on Section 4.20 of the Company Disclosure Schedules) and (ii) any distributions from any Company Subsidiary to the Company is in the Ordinary Course;

(xvii) (A) settle, satisfy, release or forgive any claim, demand, lawsuit or other Legal Proceeding (I) in an amount payable by an Acquired Company in excess of \$15,000,000 in the aggregate or (II) that would impose any material non-monetary relief (excluding customary confidentiality obligations) on the Acquired Companies, or (B) with respect to any Non-Controlled Entity, vote in favor of or propose that such Non-Controlled Entity take any action described in the immediately preceding clause (A); or

(xviii) agree or commit to do any of the foregoing (or, with respect to any of the foregoing restrictions which expressly relates to the Non-Controlled Entities, vote in favor of or propose that any Non-Controlled Entity agree or commit to take any such restricted action).

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the Interim Period, the Acquired Companies may (i) utilize any and all available Cash to repay and make required payments of outstanding Debt under the 2021 Indenture, the 2023 Indenture, the 1995 Loan Agreement, the 1998 Loan Agreement, the 2002 Loan Agreement and the under the Master Reimbursement Agreement or other Debt (other than Debt for borrowed money or Debt evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments), provided, that such payments do not exceed the amounts owed and outstanding and (ii) amend, restate, refinance or terminate any outstanding Debt or the Receivables Securitization Facility, or replace such Debt or Receivables Securitization Facility with new Debt (and the related incurrence of any guarantees for such borrowed money and the incurrence of any related liens on its property) including in the form of, but not limited to, a new securitization facility, an asset based loan or other revolving credit facility (and the Acquired Companies may vote in favor or propose that a Non-Controlled Entity do any of the foregoing, as applicable); provided that, (x) the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies to consult in advance with the Buyer and in good faith take the Buyer's views into account regarding any such new Debt (and the related incurrence of any guarantees for such borrowed money and the incurrence of any related liens on its property), (y) no new Debt shall increase the amount of Debt being refinanced or replaced or include prepayment or make-whole premiums or penalties or otherwise limit or restrict the Acquired Companies right to repay outstanding Debt at the Closing and (z) any such repayment of outstanding Debt, or amendment, restatement, refinancing, termination or replacement of outstanding Debt or the Receivables Securitization Facility is determined in good faith by the Company's board of directors to be in the best interest of the Acquired Companies (or the applicable Non-Controlled Entity).

(d) In the event that the Closing does not occur by the first anniversary of the Execution Date, the dollar amounts in this Section 6.1 shall, without further action, increase by an incremental 10% on each anniversary of the Execution Date.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this Agreement will restrict the Acquired Companies from taking actions to prevent or mitigate the effects of any

damage to property or injury to any person or the environment in emergency circumstances, as reasonably determined in good faith by the Acquired Companies, so long as the Acquired Companies (i) use Good Industry Practices with respect to such circumstances and (ii) provide the Buyer with notice of any such actions, as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event, no later than one (1) Business Day) after such action is taken.

(f) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Agreement, including the provisions of this Section 6.1 or Section 6.3, in any way impairs the right of the Acquired Companies or PDVSA to object to the approval or execution of this Agreement or the approval or consummation of the Transactions, including on appeal, and the taking of any actions in connection therewith.

(g) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, to the extent that the Venezuela Parties propose a Competing Proposal which constitutes, or could reasonably be expected to lead to, a Superior Proposal, nothing in this Agreement will prohibit the Venezuela Parties from proposing that the Acquired Companies take actions otherwise prohibited by this Section 6.1 or any other provision of this Agreement in connection therewith (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the actions described in Section 6.1(b)(b)(xvi)) and, subject to the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(f) in connection with the entry into a definitive agreement with respect to such Competing Proposal by the Venezuela Parties, the Acquired Companies committing to take such actions if permitted by applicable Law.

Section 6.2. Access to Information.

(a) During the Interim Period, the Special Master shall (i) Cause the Designated Contacts or such other members of the Company's senior management team as may be reasonable and appropriate from time to time and upon reasonable advance notice to be available to meet and confer with Buyer and its Representatives, (ii) Cause the Designated Contacts or such other members of the Company's senior management team as may be appropriate time to time to provide, upon reasonable advance notice and at the Buyer's sole cost and expense, responses to the Buyer's questions and requests as the Buyer and its Representatives may from time to time reasonably request, and (iii) Cause the Company to provide the Buyer and its Representatives, upon reasonable advance notice and under reasonable circumstances, with reasonable access during normal business hours, to the books and records (including all electronic data related thereto), information, assets, operations and properties of the Acquired Companies; provided, that (i) any such access and activities shall be conducted in a manner not to unreasonably interfere with the normal operations of the Acquired Companies or their respective business and (ii) without the prior written consent of the Special Master and the Company, which may be withheld for any reason in the sole and absolute discretion of the Special Master or the Company, as applicable, the Buyer and its Representatives shall have no right to perform invasive or subsurface investigations of the properties or facilities of the Acquired Companies. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no such access or disclosure shall be required if doing so could reasonably be expected to (A) result in a waiver of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or similar privilege, (B) violate the terms of any Contract to which any Acquired Company is a party, or (C) violate any Law to which any Acquired Company is subject; provided, that the Special Master shall Cause the Company to, to the extent legally permissible and practicable, use commercially reasonable efforts to make appropriate substitute disclosure arrangements, or seek appropriate joint defense

agreements, waivers or consents, under circumstances in which the foregoing restrictions of this sentence apply. There may be withheld from the Buyer and its Representatives such portions of documents or information relating to pricing or other matters that are highly sensitive if the exchange of such documents (or portions thereof) or information as determined by the Company's outside counsel would be reasonably likely to result in antitrust difficulties between the Company and the Buyer or any of their respective Affiliates. All requests for such access shall be directed to such Person as the Special Master may designate in writing from time to time (collectively, the "Designated Contacts"). Other than the Designated Contacts, prior to the Closing, without the prior written consent of the Special Master (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), neither the Buyer, its Affiliates or their respective Representatives shall contact any employee, contractors, supplier, customer, landlord or other material business relationship of any Acquired Company regarding any Acquired Company, their respective businesses or the Transactions.

(b) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event will the Acquired Companies be required to provide Buyer or the Special Master with access to any information regarding its objections to the sale process, the negotiation of the Transactions or the Acquired Companies' objection to this Agreement or the approval or the consummation of the Transactions.

(c) For a period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on the latest of (x) the date that is twelve (12) months after the Closing Date and (y) the final, non-appealable resolution of a Legal Proceeding relating to or arising from the Sale Order to appeal the sale and purchase of the Shares, the Buyer shall cause the Acquired Companies to use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain all books and records (including all electronic data related thereto) of the Acquired Companies relating to periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date and the Buyer shall cause the Acquired Companies to (i) provide the Special Master and its Representatives during the Company's normal business hours, upon reasonable advance notice and under reasonable circumstances, reasonable access to such books and records and the individuals responsible for preparing and maintaining such books and records, and (ii) permit the Special Master and its Representatives to make copies of any such books and records, in each case of the immediately preceding clause (i) and clause (ii), as reasonably requested in connection with any Legal Proceeding relating to or arising from the Sale Order to appeal the sale and purchase of the Shares (other than any Legal Proceeding between the Special Master, on the one hand, and the Buyer, on the other hand, related to the Sale Order, this Agreement, the other Transaction Documents or the Transactions, which would be governed by and subject to other applicable provisions of this Agreement and subject to applicable rules relating to discovery and document retention). Notwithstanding anything in this Section 6.2(c) to the contrary, the Buyer and the Acquired Companies shall not be required to provide such access or disclose any information to the Special Master if doing so could reasonably be expected to (A) result in a waiver of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or similar privilege, (B) violate the terms of any Contract to which any Acquired Company is a party, or (C) violate any Law to which any Acquired Company is subject; provided, that the Parties will, to the extent legally permissible and practicable, use commercially reasonable efforts to make appropriate substitute disclosure arrangements, or seek appropriate joint defense agreements, waivers or consents, under circumstances in which the foregoing restrictions of this sentence apply. The Buyer agrees to cause the Company to hold all the books and records of the Acquired Companies existing on the

Closing Date and not to destroy or dispose of any thereof for a period of twelve (12) months after the finalization of any appeal of the sale and purchase of the Shares or for a longer period of time as may be required by Law.

Section 6.3. Regulatory Approvals; Third Party Consents.

(a) Each of the Parties shall, if required by applicable Law, within thirty (30) calendar days following the date hereof, file or supply, or in the case of the Special Master Cause to be filed or supplied, in connection with the Transactions, all notifications and information required to be filed or supplied pursuant to the HSR Act. Each of the Parties shall request early termination of the waiting period under the HSR Act, if available. The Parties shall (and the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies to), as soon as reasonably practicable following the date hereof (and in any event no later than ten (10) Business Days thereafter), file or supply, or cause to be filed or supplied in connection with the Transactions, all filings and submissions required under any relevant Laws, including Antitrust Laws (other than the HSR Act). The Buyer acknowledges and agrees that it shall pay and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all fees, costs, expenses and other charges in connection with compliance with this Section 6.3 (including filing fees).

(b) Neither Party shall (i) consent to any voluntary extension of any waiting period; (ii) pull and refile any filing made under the HSR Act, or any other Antitrust Laws; or (iii) consent to any other voluntary delay of the consummation of the Transactions at the behest of any Governmental Body, in each case, without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

(c) The Buyer shall, at its own expense, (i) within ten (10) Business Days after the date hereof, submit the OFAC License Application; (ii) promptly supply any additional information and documentary material that may be requested by OFAC in relation to the OFAC License Application; (iii) seek and obtain, prior to submitting the OFAC License Application and any other filing with or submission to OFAC, written consent from the Special Master, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed; (iv) keep the Special Master regularly informed of the processing of the OFAC License Application and any other filings or material contacts with OFAC or other Governmental Body in relation to the OFAC License Application; and (v) fully cooperate with and furnish to the Special Master available information and assistance as reasonably may be requested by the Special Master in connection with any communications that the Special Master may have with OFAC or other Governmental Body in relation to the OFAC License Application. The Special Master shall cooperate, and shall Cause the Company to cooperate with and provide any information or assistance reasonably requested by the Buyer to prepare, submit and obtain approval of the OFAC License Application.

(d) The Parties shall coordinate and cooperate with one another in exchanging and providing such information to each other and in making the filings and requests referred to in Section 6.3(a). The Parties shall supply such reasonable assistance as may be reasonably requested by the other Party in connection with the foregoing and shall promptly furnish the other Party with all information within its possession that is reasonably required for all filings and submissions required under any relevant Laws, including Antitrust Laws. In furtherance of the foregoing, at least once every two weeks following the date hereof, the Buyer shall provide the Special Master

a written update, in reasonable detail, on the status and progress of, or any other developments regarding, the OFAC License Application (and/or any other filings or material contacts with OFAC or other Governmental Body in relation to the OFAC License Application) and the HSR Filing (and/or any material contracts with the relevant Governmental Bodies in relation to the HSR Filing). Following receipt of any such update, the Special Master may, but shall not be obligated to, provide the Buyer with written feedback if it disagrees with or otherwise has concerns regarding, the actions, timing or strategy employed by the Buyer with respect to the OFAC License Application and the HSR Filing, and, upon receipt thereof, the Buyer will use commercially reasonable efforts to address any such written feedback.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Buyer (x) shall take, (y) shall cause its Subsidiaries to take, and (z) solely in the event of a Regulatory Toggle Event, Buyer shall, and shall cause its Affiliates to take, in each case, as promptly as practicable, all action necessary, proper or advisable to consummate the Transactions prior to the Outside Date to (x) avoid or eliminate each and every impediment, resolve any objection and obtain all consents under any applicable Laws (including Antitrust Laws) as promptly as practicable so as to enable the Parties to consummate the Transactions and (y) avoid the entry or to effect the dissolution of, or vacate or lift, any Order, objection of any Governmental Body or waiting period under applicable Antitrust Laws that would otherwise have the effect of preventing, impairing or delaying the Closing, including: (i) proposing, negotiating and offering to commit and effect, by Order, consent decree, hold separate order, trust, or otherwise, the sale, license, divestiture, disposition or hold separate of such entities, assets, Intellectual Property, businesses, product lines, Equity Interests, properties or services of the Buyer or its Affiliates or Subsidiaries (including, following the Closing, the Acquired Companies); (ii) offering to take or offering to commit to take any action, including any action that limits the Buyer's freedom of action, ownership or control with respect to, or its ability to retain or hold, any of the businesses, assets, product lines, Equity Interests, properties or services of the Buyer or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates (including, following the Closing, the Acquired Companies), to the extent legally permissible, and if the offer is accepted, taking or committing to take such action; (iii) terminating, amending, relinquishing, modifying, waiving or assigning existing relationships, ventures or contractual rights, obligations or other arrangements of the Buyer or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates (including, following the Closing, the Acquired Companies); (iv) changing or modifying, or agreeing not to engage in, any course of conduct regarding future operations; (v) creating any relationships, ventures, contractual rights, obligations or other arrangements of the Buyer or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates (including, following the Closing, the Acquired Companies); and (vi) committing to take any such actions in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) or entering or offering to enter into agreements and stipulating to the entry of an Order or filing appropriate applications with any Governmental Body in connection with any of the actions contemplated by the foregoing clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v); provided, that in each of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi), such clauses shall apply to Affiliates solely in the event of a Regulatory Toggle Event. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the avoidance of doubt, neither the Buyer nor any Subsidiary or Affiliates of the Buyer nor any Acquired Company shall be required to negotiate, agree or commit to, or effect to take or cause to be taken, any structural or behavioral remedy or any other action that is not conditioned (either as a condition precedent or subsequent) upon the consummation of the Transactions. "Regulatory Toggle Event" shall mean the earlier of (x) one hundred and fifty (150) days after the Initial Outside Date or (y) entry of an Order by any Governmental Body restraining (other than a temporary restraining order), enjoining or prohibiting the Transactions under the Antitrust Laws.

(f) In addition and without limiting the other provisions of this Section 6.3, the Buyer shall defend through litigation, appealing, contesting or otherwise resisting any action, proceeding, or Order by any Governmental Body challenging the Transactions under applicable Laws (including Antitrust Laws), including to defend through litigation on the merits any claim asserted in court by any Person in order to avoid entry of, or to have vacated or terminated, any Order (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that would delay the Closing or prevent the Closing by the Outside Date; provided, however, that such litigation in no way limits the obligation of the Buyer to take the actions set forth in Section 6.3(e).

(g) Except as specifically required by the Agreement, the Buyer shall not take, and shall cause its Subsidiaries not to take, any action or refrain from taking any action, the effect of which would be to delay or impede the ability of the Parties to consummate the Transactions. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Buyer shall not, and shall cause its Subsidiaries not to, acquire or agree to acquire by merging or consolidating with, or by purchasing a substantial portion of the assets of or equity in or otherwise make any investment in, or by any other manner, any Person or portion thereof, or otherwise acquire or agree to acquire or make any investment in any assets, or agree to a commercial or strategic relationship with any person (including having any employee or director of Buyer or any Subsidiary become an employee or director of any of the issuers listed on Section 6.3(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedules), if the entering into of a definitive agreement relating to or the consummation of such acquisition, merger, consolidation, investment, commercial or strategic relationship would reasonably be expected to (i) impose any delay in the obtaining of, or increase the risk of not obtaining, any consent, approval, authorization, declaration, waiver, license, franchise, permit, certificate or Order of any Governmental Body necessary to consummate the Transactions or the expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period, (ii) increase the risk of any Governmental Body entering an Order prohibiting the consummation of the Transactions, (iii) increase the risk of not being able to remove any such Order on appeal or otherwise, (iv) increase the risk of any Governmental Body asserting jurisdiction over the Transactions or (v) delay the consummation of the Transactions. In addition to and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Buyer shall cause its Affiliates not to acquire or agree to acquire (A) any downstream assets (other than minority interests in securities, which shall be governed by clause (B) of this Section 6.3(g)) if such acquisition or agreement would reasonably be expected to impose any delay in the obtaining of, or increase the risk of not obtaining, the applicable approval required under the HSR Act, or (B) beneficial ownership (as defined under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) of more than 10% of a voting class of registered equity securities of any of the issuers listed on Section 6.3(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedules.

(h) Each Party shall promptly inform the other Party of any material communication from the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice or any other Governmental Body regarding any of the Transactions. Each Party (including its respective Affiliates or Subsidiaries) will provide the other Party with copies (or, if provided orally, a summary) of all substantive correspondence, filings or communications between them or any of their Representatives, on the one hand, and any Governmental Body or members of its staff, on the other hand, with respect to this Agreement and the Transactions; provided, however, that materials may be redacted as necessary to (i) comply with contractual arrangements and (ii) address reasonable attorney-client or other privilege or confidentiality concerns. If any Party or any Affiliate thereof receives a request for additional information or documentary material from

any such Governmental Body with respect to the Transactions, then such Party will use its reasonable best efforts to make, or cause to be made, as soon as reasonably practicable and after consultation with the other Party, an appropriate response in compliance with such request. The Buyer will advise the Special Master and the Company promptly in respect of any understandings, undertakings or agreements (oral or written) that the Buyer proposes to make or enter into with the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice or any other Governmental Body in connection with the Transactions, and will use its best efforts to cause the Special Master and the Company to be given the opportunity to attend and participate at any meetings with respect thereto. None of the Buyer, the Special Master or the Company (including their respective Affiliates or Subsidiaries) will agree to participate in any meeting, telephone call or discussion with a Governmental Body in respect of any submissions, filings, investigation (including any settlement of the investigation), litigation or other inquiry relating to the matters that are the subject of this Agreement unless it consults with the other Party in advance and, except as may be prohibited by a Governmental Body or by any Law, and will permit authorized Representatives of the other Parties and the Special Master to be present at each meeting, telephone call or discussion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Buyer shall determine, direct and control the strategy and process by which the Parties will seek required approvals under the Antitrust Laws and the Buyer shall approve any filings and submissions before they are made. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Buyer shall have the absolute right to determine the strategy for which it will propose, execute, carry out or agree or submit to any action or remedy contemplated by Section 6.3(e), including by defending through litigation, appealing, contesting or otherwise resisting any action, proceeding, or Order by any Governmental Body challenging the Transactions under applicable Laws (including Antitrust Laws) without having proposed, executed, carried out or agreed or submitted to any such action or remedy (subject to Buyer's obligations in the event of a Regulatory Toggle Event, which obligations shall require that following a Regulatory Toggle Event, Buyer shall, and shall cause its Affiliates to comply with its obligations in Section 6.3(e)). Notwithstanding this Section 6.3(h) and Section 6.7 (Public Announcements), the Special Master acknowledges and agrees that, following the Execution Date and the issuance of Buyer's press release pursuant to Section 6.7, the Buyer and its Affiliates and each of their respective Representatives may contact Governmental Bodies and federal, state and local officials in connection with the Transaction and respond to inquiries (including informal in-person meetings) from such Persons and their representatives in each case, in connection with the Transaction for purposes of discussing the Buyer's identity and go-forward plans with respect to the Acquired Companies and impacts on stakeholders; provided, that (i) this sentence shall not apply to any communications with Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, or OFAC; (ii) such communications shall not disclose substantive non-public information regarding the terms and conditions of the Transactions; (iii) prior to providing any such Person with written materials containing substantive non-public information regarding the Transactions, the Buyer shall provide the Special Master with copies of such written materials at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of dissemination; and (iv) upon the reasonable request of the Special Master from time to time, the Buyer shall provide the Special Master with reasonable updates on the status of communications permitted pursuant to this sentence.

Section 6.4. Further Assurances. Subject to, and not in limitation of, Section 6.3, until the Closing or earlier termination of this Agreement, each of the Parties shall (a) execute such documents and perform such further acts as may be reasonably required to carry out the provision hereof and the actions contemplated hereby and (b) use its best efforts to, at the earliest practicable

date, satisfy, or cause the satisfaction of, the condition precedents to the consummation of the Transactions.

Section 6.5. Confidentiality. The Buyer acknowledges that the information provided to them in connection with this Agreement and the Transactions is subject to the terms of the confidentiality agreement between Elliott Investment Management L.P. and the Special Master dated January 5, 2024 (the “Confidentiality Agreement”), the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference; subject to disclosure permitted in accordance with Section 6.10. Effective as of the Closing, the Confidentiality Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect.

Section 6.6. Indemnification, Exculpation and Insurance.

(a) From and after the Closing, the Buyer shall, and shall cause each Acquired Company to continue in full force and effect in accordance with their respective terms until the applicable statute of limitations with respect to any claims against such Indemnitees (as defined below), all rights to indemnification, advancement of expenses and exculpation by the Acquired Companies, now existing in favor of each of the Persons who at or prior to the Closing were (i) directors (or equivalent), officers or employees of any Acquired Company or (ii) serving as directors (or equivalent), officers or employees of another entity (including a joint venture) at the request of any Acquired Company (collectively, the “Indemnitees”) pursuant to the Organizational Documents of the Acquired Companies in effect on the Execution Date (and to the extent permitted by Section 3, clause fifth of the Certificate of Incorporation of CITGO Petroleum as in effect on the Execution Date) or pursuant to the Contracts disclosed in Section 6.6(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules in effect as of the Execution Date (as the same may be amended to reflect the CITGO Petroleum Guarantees) or indemnification Contracts entered into during the Interim Period between an Acquired Company, on the one hand, and an Indemnatee first hired or engaged by the Acquired Companies during the Interim Period, on the other hand (which such Contracts will not be materially less favorable to the Acquired Companies than those Contracts disclosed in Section 6.6(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules) (“New Indemnification Agreements”).

(b) The indemnification and exculpation provisions of the Acquired Companies’ Organizational Documents and indemnification Contracts disclosed in Section 6.6(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules shall not be amended, or otherwise modified in any manner that would adversely affect the rights of the Indemnitees under Section 6.6(a), unless such amendment or modification is required by Law. From and after the Closing, the Buyer agrees to cause the Acquired Companies to maintain in effect in accordance with their respective terms (i) the escrow agreement, dated May 5, 2023, by and among Citgo Petroleum Corporation, Morris James, LLP and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and (ii) the escrow agreement, dated May 5, 2023, by and among the Company, Morris James, LLP and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and not to amend the foregoing in any manner that would adversely affect the rights of the applicable Indemnitees thereunder, unless such modification is required by Law.

(c) Prior to the Closing, the Company may, or, immediately upon the Closing if the Company has not already done so, the Buyer shall cause the Company and the Company Subsidiaries to, purchase the directors’ and officers’ “tail” or “runoff” insurance program currently available to be purchased under the existing directors’ and officers’ liability insurance plan covering the Acquired Companies’ directors and officers, to the extent such plan remains available

as of the Closing on materially the same terms and conditions; provided, that the premium paid for such “tail” policy shall not exceed 350% of the annual premiums paid for the Acquired Companies’ current directors’ and officers’ liability insurance policy; and provided, further, that to the extent the premium paid for such “tail” policy exceeds 350% of the annual premiums paid for the Acquired Companies’ current directors’ and officers’ liability insurance policy, the Buyer shall maintain a “tail” policy that has the most favorable coverage obtainable for an amount at or below 350% of the annual premiums paid for the Acquired Companies’ current directors’ and officers’ liability insurance policy. To the extent that such plan is no longer available on materially the same terms and conditions at the Closing, prior to the Closing, the Buyer shall, or, immediately upon the Closing, shall cause the Company, to purchase a directors’ and officers’ liability “tail” or “run-off” insurance program, selected by the Company prior to the Closing, for a period of six (6) years after the Closing (such coverage shall have an aggregate coverage limit over the term of such policy in an amount no less than the aggregate coverage limit under the Company’s existing directors’ and officers’ liability policy, and in all other respects comparable to such existing coverage); provided, that the premium paid for such “tail” policy shall not exceed 350% of the annual premiums paid for the Acquired Companies’ current directors’ and officers’ liability insurance policy; and provided, further, that to the extent the premium paid for such “tail” policy exceeds 350% of the annual premiums paid for the Acquired Companies’ current directors’ and officers’ liability insurance policy, the Buyer shall maintain a “tail” policy that has the most favorable coverage obtainable for an amount at or below 350% of the annual premiums paid for the Acquired Companies’ current directors’ and officers’ liability insurance policy.

(d) The provisions of this Section 6.6 are intended to be for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, each Indemnitee.

(e) In the event that the Buyer, the Company or any of its successors or assigns (i) consolidates with or merges into any other Person and is not the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger; or (ii) transfers or conveys all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then, and in each such case, proper provision shall be made so that the successors and assigns of the Buyer and of the Company shall assume all of the obligations of the Buyer and the Company set forth in this Section 6.6.

Section 6.7. Public Announcements. The Buyer and the Special Master shall not, and the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies not to, issue any press release or make any public statement without the prior consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, except that each of the Buyer and the Special Master may issue (x) the initial press release announcing the execution of this Agreement that has been agreed upon by the Buyer and the Special Master, (y) any press release or public announcement so long as any statements contained therein concerning the Transactions are consistent with previous releases or announcements made by the applicable Party with respect to which such Party has complied with the provisions of this Section 6.7, and (z) such other release or announcement that, upon the advice of outside counsel, is required by Law or the rules and regulations of any stock exchange upon which the securities of the Buyer, as applicable, or any of its Affiliates, are listed. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Section 6.7 shall prevent the Parties from (a) issuing any press release or making any public statement in the Ordinary Course that does not relate specifically to this Agreement or the Transactions, (b) disclosing this Agreement or the substance or any relevant details of the Transactions on a confidential basis to

any of its Representatives (provided, that such Representatives have been informed of such party's confidentiality obligations hereunder and under the Confidentiality Agreement or are otherwise obligated to keep such information confidential) or (c) in the case of the Special Master, complying with any reporting obligations of the Court and nothing in this Section 6.7 or in any other provision of this Agreement shall impact the ability of PDVSA or the Acquired Companies to use confidential information in connection with opposing the sale process, this Agreement or the Transactions.

Section 6.8. Employee Matters.

(a) The Buyer and the Special Master hereby agree that the Closing shall constitute a "Change in Control" for purpose of any employee arrangement and all other Company Benefit Plans, pursuant to the terms of such plans as in effect on the Execution Date (or as adopted or amended to the extent permitted by Section 6.1(b)). No provision of this Section 6.8(a) shall be construed to create a right in any employee or beneficiary of such employee under any Company Benefit Plan that such employee or beneficiary would not otherwise have under the terms of such Company Benefit Plan and, for the avoidance of doubt, no provision of this Section 6.8 will be deemed to supersede the terms of any Company Benefit Plan to the extent such terms are more favorable to Affected Employees than the rights granted hereunder.

(b) As of the Closing, the Buyer shall, or shall cause the Acquired Companies to, assume the Company Collective Bargaining Agreements and adhere to the obligations thereunder pursuant to the terms therein. Following the Closing, the Buyer or the Acquired Companies will continue to employ the employees who are subject to or covered by the Company Collective Bargaining Agreements and employed by one of the Acquired Companies as of the Closing (the "Union Affected Employees") on the terms therein, including with respect to employee wages and benefits.

(c) For a period of twelve (12) months following the Closing (or, if shorter, the applicable employee's period of employment with the Buyer or one of the Acquired Companies), the Buyer shall continue to provide (or shall cause the Acquired Companies to provide) to each employee of any of the Acquired Companies as of the Closing who is not subject to or covered by a Company Collective Bargaining Agreement (the "Non-Union Affected Employees," together with the Union Affected Employees, the "Affected Employees"), compensation and employee benefits which are no less favorable than those provided to the Non-Union Affected Employees prior to the Closing. Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, for a period of twelve (12) months following the Closing (or, if shorter, the applicable employee's period of employment with the Buyer or one of the Acquired Companies), the Buyer shall continue to provide (or shall cause the Acquired Companies to provide) to each Non-Union Affected Employee, (i) a base salary or wage rate (as applicable), in each case, that is no less favorable than that provided to such Non-Union Affected Employee immediately prior to the Closing, (ii) short-term and long-term incentive compensation opportunities and Responsibility Incentive (as such term is defined in the CITGO Petroleum Corporation 2024 Compensation and Incentive Omnibus Plan for Salaried Employees or its successor), in each case, that are no less favorable in the aggregate than those provided to such Non-Union Affected Employee immediately prior to the Closing, (iii) all other compensation and employee benefits (including any defined benefit pension and post-retirement health and welfare benefits) that are no less favorable in the aggregate than those provided to such

Non-Union Affected Employee immediately prior to the Closing, and (iv) severance payments, entitlements and benefits that are no less favorable in the aggregate than those provided to such Non-Union Affected Employee immediately prior to the Closing. Except as required by applicable Law, for the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on the first anniversary thereof, the Buyer agrees to cause the Acquired Companies to maintain in effect and without reduction retiree health and life insurance benefits for the individuals who are participants in the Acquired Companies' retiree health and life insurance benefits as of immediately prior to the Closing Date and individuals who become eligible to participate in such retiree health and life insurance benefits during the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on the one year anniversary thereof.

(d) The Buyer will give (or will cause the Acquired Companies to give) each Affected Employee full credit for purposes of eligibility, vesting and benefit accrual under any employee benefit plans or arrangements maintained by the Buyer (or any of the Acquired Companies) for such Affected Employee's service with any of the Acquired Companies (and their respective predecessor entities) to the same extent recognized by any of the Acquired Companies immediately prior to the Closing, except to the extent that such credit would result in a duplication of benefits or compensation for the same period of service.

(e) The Buyer will (or will cause the Acquired Companies to) use commercially reasonable efforts to (i) waive all limitations as to preexisting conditions, exclusions and waiting periods with respect to participation and coverage requirements applicable to each Affected Employee under any welfare benefit plans that such Affected Employee may be eligible to participate in after the Closing, other than limitations or waiting periods that are already in effect with respect to such Affected Employee and that have not been satisfied as of the Closing under any welfare plan maintained for the Affected Employee immediately prior to the Closing, and (ii) for the first plan year of eligibility, provide each Affected Employee with credit for any co-payments and deductibles, paid by such Affected Employee prior to the Closing, in satisfying any applicable deductible or out-of-pocket requirements under any welfare plans that such Affected Employee is eligible to participate in after the Closing. References to "Affected Employee" in this Section 6.8(e) shall also refer to the applicable Affected Employee's eligible dependents.

(f) Upon the Buyer's request (and at the Buyer's sole cost and expense), the Special Master shall Cause the Company to adopt and maintain an employee retention plan in form and substance as proposed by the Buyer in writing. Any such employee retention plan shall be in addition to, and shall not replace or substitute any existing Company Benefit Plan.

(g) To the extent any awards under any cash bonus, sales and other incentive plans of the Acquired Companies ("Bonus Amounts") with respect to a performance period completed prior to the Closing remain unpaid as of the Closing Date, the Buyer shall cause such Bonus Amounts to be calculated and paid in the Ordinary Course to the eligible employees of the Acquired Companies. With respect to Bonus Amounts for the performance period in which the Closing occurs, the Buyer shall cause such Bonus Amounts to be calculated and paid in the Ordinary Course to the eligible employees of the Acquired Companies based on the actual level of Company performance for such performance period. Without limiting in any way any rights an Affected Employee may have under any Company Benefit Plan, if an Affected Employee participating in the CITGO Petroleum Corporation Performance Incentive program for salaried employees (the "Performance Incentive Program") has a qualifying termination of employment

entitling the Affected Employee to severance under a severance program, agreement or arrangement of the Buyer or the Acquired Companies and such termination occurs during the period that begins on the Closing Date and ends on the date on which Bonus Amounts under the Performance Incentive Program are paid for the performance period in which the Closing occurs, then such Affected Employee will not lose eligibility, solely due to the termination of employment, for payment of any Bonus Amount under the Performance Incentive Program for performance periods completed prior to the Closing or for the performance period in which the Closing occurs; provided, that any such Bonus Amounts shall be paid to such employee at the same time as such awards are paid to other participants in the Performance Incentive Program, and provided, further, that any such Bonus Amount for the performance period in which the termination of employment occurs shall be prorated based on the number of completed months of employment during the performance period prior to the termination of employment.

(h) The provisions contained in this Section 6.8 shall not (i) be treated as an amendment or other modification of any Company Benefit Plan, Company Collective Bargaining Agreement or other employee benefit plan, agreement or other arrangement, (ii) limit the right of the Buyer or any Acquired Company to terminate any employee at any time and for any reason or (iii) create any third party rights, benefits or remedies of any nature whatsoever in any employee of any Acquired Company (or any beneficiaries or dependents thereof) or any other Person that is not a party to this Agreement. The benefits and compensation provided to each Affected Employee following the Closing Date shall be subject to the requirements of applicable Law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein will impose on the Buyer or any of the Acquired Companies any obligation to (A) retain any Affected Employee in its or their employ for any amount of time or (B) maintain any terms and conditions of employment other than as expressly set forth above, subject to applicable Law and the Acquired Companies' existing contractual obligations to the respective Affected Employee.

(i) From and after the Execution Date, the Buyer will cooperate with and provide all information reasonably requested by the Acquired Companies and their representatives in connection with any notice to be filed by the Acquired Companies with the PBGC pursuant to ERISA Section 4043 and the regulations thereunder as a result of the Transactions or in connection with any related requests for information from the PBGC. To the extent such notice is required to be filed prior to Closing, the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies to (i) cause the applicable plan sponsor and plan administrator to timely file such notice with the PBGC and (ii) prior to such filing, provide Buyer a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on such notice.

(j) Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Closing, the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies to contribute to the grantor trust established for the EPP and the RRP such funds as are required to be contributed to such trust pursuant to the terms of the EPP and RRP.

#### Section 6.9. The Buyer's Obligations in Respect of Debt Financing.

(a) The Buyer acknowledges and agrees that the Special Master, the Company and their respective Affiliates have no responsibility for any financing that Buyer may raise in connection with the Transactions.

(b) Concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Buyer has delivered to the Special Master fully executed versions of the Debt Commitment Letters.

(c) The Buyer shall use reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable to obtain the Debt Financing contemplated by the Debt Financing Commitments on or prior to the Closing Date, including to:

(i) maintain in effect (A) the Equity Commitment Letters from and after the Execution Date and (B) the Debt Commitment Letters from and after the Execution Date, subject to the Buyer's right to amend, modify, supplement, restate, assign, substitute or replace the Debt Commitment Letters in accordance with Section 6.9(e) herewith;

(ii) negotiate and enter into definitive financing agreements (the "Definitive Debt Documents") with respect to the Debt Financing that reflect the terms contained in the Debt Commitment Letters (including any "market flex" provisions related thereto) or such other terms of the definitive credit documentation (but for the avoidance of doubt, not closing conditions) that are acceptable to the Buyer and the Debt Financing Sources that apply after the Closing, so that such agreements are in effect no later than the Closing Date; provided, however, that in no event shall any change to the Definitive Debt Documents (1) be reasonably expected to (A) adversely affect Buyer's ability to timely consummate the Transactions or (B) make the timely funding of the Debt Financing, or the satisfaction of the conditions to obtaining the Debt Financing less likely to occur in any respect, (2) reduce the aggregate amount of the Financing, (3) impose new or additional conditions or expand upon (or amend or modify in any manner adverse to the interests of the Company) the conditions precedent to the Debt Financing as set forth in the Debt Commitment Letters, (4) adversely affect the ability of Buyer to enforce its rights against the other parties to the Debt Financing Commitment Letters, the Fee Letter or any Definitive Debt Document or (5) reasonably be expected to prevent, delay, impede or impair the Closing (clauses (1) through (5), a "Prohibited Modification");

(iii) [Reserved];

(iv) satisfy on a timely basis all conditions applicable to the Buyer contained in the Debt Financing Commitments and Equity Financing Commitments, including the payment of any commitment, engagement or placement fees required as a condition to the Debt Financing or the Equity Financing, as applicable;

(v) consummate the Debt Financing (including by instructing the Debt Financing Sources to fund the Debt Financing in accordance with the Debt Commitment Letters, instructing the Equity Financing Sources to fund the Equity Financing in accordance with the Equity Commitment Letters and enforcing the Buyer's rights under the Debt Commitment Letters (including if necessary or appropriate to commence, participate in and diligently pursue Legal Proceedings against or involving any of the Persons that have committed to provide any portion of, or otherwise with respect to, the Debt Financing)) at or prior to the date that the Closing is required to be effected in accordance with Section 2.2 (the Buyer acknowledges and agrees that it is not a condition

to Closing under this Agreement, nor to the consummation of the Transactions, for the Buyer to obtain the Debt Financing or any Replacement Financing); and

(vi) comply with its obligations under the Debt Commitment Letters.

Subject to the terms and upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letters, the Buyer shall use its reasonable best efforts (including, if necessary or appropriate, initiating Legal Proceedings) to cause the lenders and the other Persons providing such Debt Financing to provide the Debt Financing on the Closing Date.

(d) The Buyer shall provide to the Special Master copies of all agreements and other documents relating to the Debt Financing and, shall keep the Special Master reasonably informed on a current basis and in reasonable detail of material developments in respect of the financing process relating thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Buyer shall provide the Special Master prompt (and in no event later than forty-eight (48) hours after obtaining knowledge) written notice (i) of any expiration or termination of, or any breach, default or violation (or any event or circumstance that, with or without notice, lapse of time or both, could reasonably be expected to give rise to any breach, default or violation) by any party to the Debt Commitment Letters or definitive agreements related to the Debt Financing of which the Buyer becomes aware, (ii) of the receipt of any written notice or other written communication, in each case from any Debt Financing Source with respect to any (x) actual or potential breach, default, violation, termination or repudiation by any party to the Debt Commitment Letters or definitive agreements related to the Debt Financing of any provision of the Debt Commitment Letters or definitive agreements related to the Debt Financing, (y) any actual dispute or disagreement between or among any parties to the Debt Commitment Letters or definitive agreements related to the obligation to fund the Debt Financing or the amount of the Debt Financing to be funded at the Closing, and (iii) if at any time for any reason the Buyer believes in good faith that it will not be able to obtain all or any portion of the Debt Financing on the terms and conditions contemplated by the Debt Financing Commitments or definitive agreements related to the Debt Financing. As soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within forty-eight (48) hours after the Special Master delivers to the Buyer a written request therefor, the Buyer shall provide any information reasonably requested by the Special Master relating to any circumstance referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of the immediately preceding sentence; provided, that the right of the Special Master to request such information shall not limit the obligations of the Buyer to promptly provide such information as otherwise required by this Section 6.9(d).

(e) Prior to the Closing, the Buyer shall not, without the prior written consent of the Special Master, agree to, or permit, any amendment, restatement, amendment and restatement, replacement, supplement, or other modification of, or waiver or consent under, the Debt Commitment Letters or other documentation relating to the Debt Financing which would constitute a Prohibited Modification. For purposes of this Section 6.9, the definitions of "Debt Commitment Letter," "Debt Financing," "Debt Financing Commitments," "Debt Financing Sources," shall include the Debt Financing Commitment or documents related thereto as permitted to be amended, amended and restated, replaced, supplemented, modified, waived or consented to by this Section 6.9(e). The Buyer shall promptly deliver to the Special Master copies of any such amendment, restatement, amendment and restatement, replacement, supplement, modification, waiver or consent. The Buyer shall not agree to or permit the withdrawal, repudiation, termination

or rescission of any Debt Commitment Letter or Definitive Debt Document or any provision thereof (except in connection with Replacement Financing). Further, for the avoidance of doubt, if from and after the Execution Date the Debt Financing (or any Replacement Financing) has not been obtained, the Buyer shall continue to be obligated to consummate the Transactions subject only to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2.

(f) If, notwithstanding the use of reasonable best efforts by the Buyer to satisfy its obligations under Section 6.9(b), (c), (d) and (e), any of the Debt Financing or the Debt Financing Commitments (or any definitive financing agreement relating thereto) expire or are terminated or become unavailable prior to the Closing, in whole or in part, for any reason, the Buyer shall (i) promptly notify the Special Master of such expiration, termination, or unavailability and the reasons therefor and (ii) use its reasonable best efforts promptly to arrange for alternative financing (“Replacement Financing”) (which shall be sufficient, together with the Equity Financing and cash on hand of the Buyer, to pay the Required Amount and shall not, without the prior written consent of the Special Master, include any conditions to such Replacement Financing that are more onerous than, or in addition to, the conditions set forth in the Commitment Letters, as applicable, to replace the financing contemplated by such expired, terminated, or unavailable commitments or arrangements). The Buyer shall deliver to the Special Master true, correct and complete copies of all contracts or other arrangements pursuant to which any such alternative source shall have committed to provide any portion of the Replacement Financing (provided that any fee letters in connection therewith may be redacted in a manner consistent with the Fee Letter provided as of the Execution Date). To the extent applicable, the Buyer shall use its reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions necessary, proper or advisable to arrange and consummate the Replacement Financing on the terms and conditions described in such contracts or other arrangements relating thereto on or before the Closing Date, including (A) using reasonable best efforts to (x) satisfy on a timely basis, all terms, covenants and conditions set forth therein; (y) enter into definitive agreements with respect thereto on the terms and conditions set forth therein and (z) consummate the Replacement Financing at or prior to the Closing and (B) if necessary or appropriate, seeking to enforce its rights thereunder. In the event that Replacement Financing is obtained in accordance with this Section 6.9(f), the definitions of “Debt Commitment Letter,” “Debt Financing,” “Debt Financing Commitments,” and “Debt Financing Sources” shall include the commitments in respect of the Replacement Financing or the documents related thereto, as applicable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, compliance by the Buyer with the provisions of this Section 6.9(f) shall not relieve the Buyer of their obligation to consummate the Transactions whether or not the Debt Financing is available.

Section 6.10. Company’s Obligations in Respect of Debt Financing.

(a) Subject to Section 6.10(b), prior to the Closing, the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies to use commercially reasonable efforts to provide to the Buyer such customary cooperation in connection with the arrangement of the Debt Financing as is reasonably requested by the Buyer. Such assistance shall include Causing the Acquired Companies to use commercially reasonable efforts to do the following, at the Buyer’s sole expense, in connection with the Debt Financing:

(i) as promptly as practicable, to furnish, or cause to be furnished, to the Buyer, the Required Information;

(ii) causing the Company's employees with the title of executive vice president or above to participate in a reasonable number of meetings, presentations, sessions with rating agencies or other customary syndication activities;

(iii) (A) assisting with the preparation of appropriate and customary materials for a rating agency presentation, a bank information memorandum and a lender presentation reasonably required in connection with the Debt Financing and (B) having an officer of the Company execute a customary authorization letter with respect to the bank information memorandum that authorizes distribution of information to prospective lenders;

(iv) to the extent not prohibited or restricted under applicable Law or any Contract of the Company or its applicable Affiliate, facilitating the pledging of collateral; provided that no pledge shall be effective until the Closing;

(v) assisting in the preparation of definitive financing documents, including guarantee and collateral documents and customary closing certificates and other customary documents as reasonably necessary, in each case, not to be effective until the Closing (provided, that, unless specifically provided for in this Section 6.10, in no event will any of the Acquired Companies or their respective Representatives be required to execute or deliver any opinion or certificate in connection with the Financings);

(vi) furnishing the Buyer at least three (3) Business Days prior to the Closing Date with all documentation and other information required by a Governmental Body with respect to the Debt Financing under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations that is reasonably requested by the Buyer at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the Closing Date;

(vii) solely with respect to financial information and data derived from the Acquired Companies' historical books and records, provide reasonable and customary assistance to the Buyer with the preparation of pro forma financial information and pro forma financial statements to the extent reasonably requested by the Buyer or the Debt Financing Sources and customary to be included in any marketing materials or Offering Documents or of the type required by the Debt Commitment Letters and is historically prepared by the Acquired Companies (provided, that none of the Acquired Companies or any of their respective Representatives shall (i) be responsible for the preparation of any pro forma financial statements or pro forma adjustments thereto or (ii) be required to provide any financial information relating to (A) the proposed debt and equity capitalization that is required for such pro forma financial information or assumed interest rates and fees and expenses relating to such debt and equity capitalization, (B) any post-Closing or pro forma cost savings, synergies, capitalization, ownership or other pro forma adjustments desired to be incorporated into any information used in connection with the Debt Financing or (C) any information related to Buyer or any adjustments that are not directly related to the acquisition of the Company);

(viii) [Reserved];

(ix) cooperate with the Buyer to obtain customary corporate and facilities credit ratings, landlord waivers and estoppels, non-disturbance agreements as reasonably requested by the Buyer, in each case, not to be effective prior to the Closing Date;

(x) subject to an executed confidentiality agreement containing confidentiality provisions that are not less favorable in any material respect to the Special Master than those contained in the Confidentiality Agreement (an “Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement”), taking all actions reasonably requested in writing and reasonably necessary and customary to (A) permit the Debt Financing Sources and their respective Representatives to evaluate the Acquired Companies’ current assets, properties, rights, inventory, cash management and accounting systems, and policies and procedures relating thereto for the purpose of establishing collateral arrangements to the extent customary and reasonable and (B) establish bank and other accounts and blocked account agreements and lock box arrangements in connection with the foregoing, provided that such agreements and arrangements will only be effective upon Closing;

(xi) subject to an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement, granting the Debt Financing Sources on reasonable terms and upon reasonable written request, at reasonable times and on reasonable notice at times and locations to be mutually agreed, access to the Acquired Companies’ properties, rights, assets and cash management and accounting systems (including cooperating in and facilitating the completion of field examinations, collateral audits, asset appraisals and surveys) for the purpose of establishing collateral arrangements required to be in place pursuant to the Financings;

(xii) subject to an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement, furnishing the Buyer and the Debt Financing Sources all existing field examinations, collateral audits and asset appraisals and surveys of the Acquired Companies to the extent prepared in the Ordinary Course and other information prepared and available in the Ordinary Course as necessary to enable the Buyer to furnish the “Borrowing Base Certificate” required to be delivered pursuant to clause 4(b) of Exhibit E to the Debt Commitment Letters;

(xiii) [Reserved]; and

(xiv) cooperating with the Buyer to take such corporate or other organizational action, subject to the occurrence of the Closing, as is reasonably necessary to permit the consummation of the Debt Financing (provided, that, unless specifically provided for in this Section 6.10, in no event will any of the Acquired Companies or their respective Representatives be required to execute or deliver any opinion or certificate in connection with the Debt Financing).

(b) Notwithstanding anything in Section 6.10(a) or this Agreement to the contrary, the cooperation requested by the Buyer pursuant to Section 6.10(a) shall not:

(i) require the entry by the Special Master or any Acquired Company into any agreement or commitment, or the taking of any action, that would be effective prior to the Closing and that is not contingent on the occurrence of the Closing;

(ii) unreasonably interfere with the ongoing operations of the Acquired Companies; or

(iii) include any action that the Special Master or the Company reasonably believes would require any of the Acquired Companies to (A) pay any commitment or other similar fee, (B) have or incur any liability or obligation in connection with the Debt Financing, including under any agreement or any document related to the Debt Financing, (C) take any action that would conflict with, violate or result in a breach of or default under the Company Charter and Company By-Laws or any Organizational Documents of the Company's Affiliates, any Contract, any Transaction Document or any Law, (D) take any action that could subject any director, manager, officer or employee of the Company or any of its Affiliates to any personal liability, (E) provide access to or disclose information that the Company determines in good faith could jeopardize any attorney client privilege of, or conflict with any confidentiality requirements applicable to, the Company or any of its Affiliates, (F) cause any director or manager of the Company or any of its Affiliates to pass resolutions or consents to approve or authorize the execution of the Debt Financing (other than continuing directors or managers), (G) reimburse any expenses or provide any indemnities, (H) make any representation, warranty or certification that, in the good faith determination of the Company, is not true, (I) require the delivery of any financial statements in a form or subject to a standard different than those provided to the Buyer on or prior to the Execution Date, (J) provide any cooperation or information that does not pertain to the Acquired Companies or (K) provide (i) any description of all or any component of the Financings (including any such description to be included in any liquidity or capital resources disclosure or any "description of notes"), (ii) projections, risk factors or other forward-looking statements relating to all or any component of the Financings, or (iii) any solvency certificate or similar certification in connection with the Financings (which items (i) through (iii) shall be the sole responsibility of the Buyer). In no event shall the Special Master be in breach of Section 6.10(a) because of the Company's failure to deliver any financial or other information that is not currently readily prepared in the Ordinary Course at the time requested by the Buyer or to obtain review of any financial or other information by its accountants.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, it is understood and agreed by the Parties that the failure of the Special Master or the Company to comply with the provisions of this Section 6.10 shall not give rise to a failure of a condition precedent set forth in Section 7.2(b) or a termination right pursuant to Section 8.1(e).

(d) The Buyer shall promptly reimburse the Acquired Companies, the Special Master, and/or their respective Representatives for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Acquired Companies, the Special Master, and/or their respective Representatives in connection with the cooperation contemplated by Section 6.10(a), including (i) attorneys' fee and (ii) expenses of the Company's accounting firms engaged to assist in connection with the Debt Financing (excluding any costs incurred in connection with the preparation, review and/or audit of historical financial statements). The Buyer shall indemnify and hold harmless, the Special Master, Acquired Companies, and their respective Representatives, from and against any and all liabilities or losses suffered or incurred by them in connection with the arrangement of the Debt Financing and any information utilized in connection therewith.

(e) Any information provided pursuant to this Section 6.10 shall be subject to the Confidentiality Agreement; provided, that the Buyer will be permitted to disclose such information to any Debt Financing Sources or prospective Debt Financing Sources and other financial institutions and investors that are or may become parties to the Debt Financing and to any underwriters, initial purchasers or placement agents in connection with the Debt Financing or with respect to the Equity Financing or any other equity financing in connection with the Transactions (and, in each case, to their respective counsel and auditors) so long as such Persons (i) agree to be bound by confidentiality provisions substantially similar to those in the Confidentiality Agreement (and any confidentiality agreements between the Company and its Affiliates) as if parties thereto, or (ii) are subject to other confidentiality undertakings reasonably satisfactory to the Company and of which the Company is a beneficiary.

(f) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Buyer acknowledges and agrees that neither obtaining the Financings nor any Replacement Financing, by the Buyer nor any cooperation by the Acquired Companies at the direction of the Special Master is a condition to Closing and reaffirms its obligations to consummate the Transactions irrespective and independently of the availability of the Financing or any Replacement Financing, subject to fulfillment or waiver of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2.

(g) The Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies to assist in the delivery of the Payoff Letters and all other termination and release documentation reasonably necessary to provide for or evidence the release of all guarantees supporting and all Liens securing the Specified Debt, including, if applicable, UCC termination statements, deed of trust releases, mortgage releases or intellectual property releases in fully executed and authorized form, subject to the conditions to effectiveness and release thereof as set forth in the Payoff Letters, no later than three (3) Business Days prior to the Closing Date (or such later date as is agreed to by the Buyer in its reasonable discretion).

#### Section 6.11. Tax Matters.

(a) All Transfer Taxes shall be paid by the Buyer; provided, however, that, at the option of the Buyer, those certain Transfer Taxes related to any sale and/or transfer of Owned Real Property, including real estate transfer, stamp, documentary, recording and other similar fees or Taxes or governmental charges, together with any interest, penalties or additions to such Transfer Taxes, shall be borne by either Buyer or the Company consistent with local law where such Owned Real Property is located. Further, upon the reasonable request of the Buyer, the Special Master shall cooperate, and shall Cause the Company to cooperate, in timely making all filings, returns, reports and forms as necessary or appropriate to comply with the provisions of all applicable Laws in connection with the payment of Transfer Taxes, and shall cooperate in good faith to minimize, to the fullest extent possible under such laws, the amount of any Transfer Taxes payable; provided, that in no event shall the Special Master or the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or their respective Representatives, be required to execute or deliver any filings, returns, reports or forms in connection therewith. The Buyer shall procure any stock transfer stamps required by any Transfer Tax, and timely file, to the extent required by applicable Law, all necessary Tax Returns and other documentation with respect to all such Transfer Taxes and provide to the Special Master upon request evidence of payment of all Transfer Taxes. For the avoidance of doubt, all Transfer Taxes arising from the transactions contemplated under this

Agreement shall be for the account of the Buyer and shall not reduce or otherwise adjust the Closing Consideration.

(b) The Special Master shall Cause the Company to prepare and deliver the FIRPTA Certificate set forth in Section 2.3(a)(iii).

Section 6.12. R&W Insurance Policy. In the event the Buyer or any of its Affiliates obtains a representations and warranties insurance policy in respect of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement or in any certificate or other instrument contemplated by or delivered in connection with this Agreement (such policy, a “R&W Insurance Policy”), (a) all premiums, underwriting fees, brokers’ commissions and other costs and expenses related to such R&W Insurance Policy shall be borne solely by the Buyer or such Affiliate, (b) such R&W Insurance Policy shall not provide for any “seller retention” (as such phrase is commonly used in the representations and warranties insurance policy industry) and (c) such R&W Insurance Policy shall expressly waive any claims of subrogation against the Special Master and any Acquired Company (other than, solely in the case of an Acquired Company, in connection with Fraud of any Acquired Company). The Special Master shall, and shall Cause the Company to, use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Buyer’s efforts, as applicable, and provide assistance as reasonably requested by the Buyer to obtain and bind the R&W Insurance Policy and to maintain its effectiveness through the Closing.

Section 6.13. Notices of Certain Events.

(a) During the Interim Period, the Special Master shall, and shall Cause the Company to notify the Buyer, and the Buyer shall promptly notify the Special Master, of:

(i) any written notice or other written communication from any Person alleging that the consent of such Person is or may be required in connection with the Transactions;

(ii) any notice or other written communication from any Governmental Body in connection with the Transactions;

(iii) any actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings (A) commenced or (B) to the Knowledge of the Buyer or to the Knowledge of the Special Master, as applicable, threatened against, relating to or involving or otherwise affecting such Party or any of its Subsidiaries which relate to the consummation of the Transactions (excluding any appeals or other oppositions by the Acquired Companies or PDVSA);

(iv) any circumstance or occurrence that has or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect;

(v) any notice or written communication from any Governmental Body that is commencing any investigation or enforcement action against the Acquired Companies;

(vi) any communications (whether oral or written) with the U.S. Department of Justice or the U.S. Department of the Treasury (including OFAC), other

than communications made in the Ordinary Course, whether or not in connection with the Transactions (together with a written summary of the material terms of any such communications); and

(vii) any item or information referred to in, or received by the Special Master pursuant to, Section 6.13(b);

provided, that any failure to comply with this Section 6.13(a) shall not constitute the failure of any condition set forth in Article VII to be satisfied; provided, further, that no such notification (and no other notification required to be given under any other Section of this Agreement) shall affect the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements of the Parties or the conditions to the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement.

(b) During the Interim Period, in order to enable the Special Master and his Representatives to satisfy the obligations of the Special Master in this Agreement, the Special Master may Cause the Company and its Subsidiaries to, upon request by the Special Master, promptly provide to the Special Master:

(i) access to the books and records (including all electronic data related thereto), information, assets, operations and properties of the Acquired Companies;

(ii) contact information for any vendors, customers and manufacturers and others with whom the Company does business;

(iii) the status of the Acquired Companies' business and financial condition; and

(iv) access to consult with the Acquired Companies' officers and employees, who shall make themselves reasonably available for such consultation.

(c) During the Interim Period, in order to enable the Special Master and his Representatives to satisfy the obligations of the Special Master in this Agreement, the Special Master may Cause the Company and its Subsidiaries to immediately provide to the Special Master (upon any of the following being received by or made available to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries):

(i) copies of any written notice or other written communication from any Person alleging that the consent of such Person is or may be required in connection with the Transactions;

(ii) copies of any notice or other written communication from any Governmental Body in connection with the Transactions;

(iii) documentation relating to any Legal Proceeding (A) commenced or (B) to the Knowledge of the Company or the Knowledge of the Buyer, as applicable, threatened against, relating to or involving or otherwise affecting such Party or any of its Subsidiaries which relate to the consummation of the Transactions;

(iv) notice of (A) the occurrence, or failure to occur, of any event which occurrence or failure would reasonably be likely to cause a breach of any representation or warranty made by such Party in this Agreement being untrue or inaccurate or (B) any failure of a Party to comply with or satisfy any covenant, condition or agreement to be complied with or satisfied by it pursuant to this Agreement, in each case that would reasonably be expected to result in any condition set forth in Article VII not to be satisfied; and

(v) notice of any circumstance or occurrence that has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 6.14. No Control of Other Party's Business. Without in any way limiting any Party's rights or obligations under this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge and agree that the restrictions set forth in this Agreement are not intended to give the Buyer, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the Acquired Companies' operations prior to the Closing Date. Prior to the Closing Date, each of the Company and the Buyer shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision over its respective operations.

Section 6.15. [Reserved]

Section 6.16. Competing Proposals.

(a) This Agreement is subject to approval by the Court.

(b) The Special Master shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit, initiate, knowingly encourage or knowingly facilitate any proposal or offer that constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to lead to, a Competing Proposal; unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth above, in the event that prior to the Sale Hearing, the Special Master receives an unsolicited Competing Proposal (each such unsolicited Competing Proposal, an "Unsolicited Competing Proposal"), the Special Master shall file such Unsolicited Competing Proposal publicly on the docket for the Specified Litigation.

(d) The Special Master and the Buyer acknowledge that this Agreement and the Transactions are subject to the Sale Process Orders and the Sale Order Entry. In the event of any conflict between this Agreement and the Sale Process Orders or the Sale Order, the Sale Process Orders or the Sale Order, as applicable, shall govern. The Special Master and the Buyer shall comply with the Sale Process Orders and the Sale Order.

Section 6.17. Section 280G. No later than ten (10) days prior to the Closing Date, the Special Master shall Cause the Company to deliver to the Buyer a Code Section 280G analysis (with respect to all disqualified individuals as reasonably determined by the Company) and the Special Master shall Cause the Company to confer with the Buyer in good faith regarding such analysis.

Section 6.18. Financial Statements. During the Interim Period, the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies to furnish to the Buyer, in each case, to the extent such financial

statements are prepared by the Acquired Companies and CITGO Petroleum in the Ordinary Course:

(a) within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, a consolidated balance sheet and related statements income and cash flow showing the financial position of each of (i) the Acquired Companies and (ii) CITGO Petroleum, as of the close of such fiscal year and the consolidated results of its operations during such fiscal year and setting forth in comparative form the corresponding figures for the prior fiscal year, which consolidated balance sheet and related statements of income and cash flow shall be audited by independent public accountants and accompanied by an opinion of such accountants (which shall not be qualified as to scope of audit) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Acquired Companies and CITGO Petroleum, respectively, on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; and

(b) within forty five (45) days after the end of each fiscal quarter, except for the fourth fiscal quarter, (i) a balance sheet showing the consolidated financial position of the each of (x) the Acquired Companies and (y) CITGO Petroleum, as of the last day of such fiscal quarter and (ii) statements of income and cash flows showing the consolidated results of operations of the Acquired Companies and CITGO Petroleum, respectively, for such fiscal quarter and the then-elapsed portion of the fiscal year and setting forth in comparative form the corresponding figures for the corresponding periods of the prior fiscal year. The applicable consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations and cash flows shall fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Acquired Companies or CITGO Petroleum, as applicable, on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (subject to normal quarter-end review adjustments and the absence of footnotes).

**Section 6.19. Interim Period Incentive Bonuses.**

(a) In the event that the Acquired Companies comply in all material respects (as reasonably determined by the Buyer acting in good faith) with the covenants set forth in Section 6.1 of this Agreement, the Buyer shall, within ninety (90) days after Closing Date, cause the Company to make cash bonus payments in an aggregate amount equal to \$25,000,000 (less applicable withholding), such bonuses to be made in such amounts and to such band 5 and band 99 employees of the Acquired Companies as specified and identified in writing within seventy-five (75) days after the Closing Date by the then current Chief Executive Officer of the Company in consultation with the then current Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

(b) In addition to the bonus amount contemplated by Section 6.19(a) above, in the event that the Acquired Companies comply in all material respects (as reasonably determined by the Buyer acting in good faith), with the covenants and agreements as set forth in Section 6.19(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the Buyer shall, within ninety (90) days after Closing Date, cause the Company to make cash bonus payments in an aggregate amount equal to \$25,000,000 (less applicable withholding), such bonuses to be made in such amounts and to such band 5 and band 99 employees of the Acquired Companies as specified and identified in writing within seventy-five (75) days after the Closing Date by the then current Chief Executive Officer of the Company in consultation with the then current Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

Section 6.20. Transaction Support Agreement. Prior to the Closing, the Buyer shall not, and shall cause its Affiliates not to, consent to any termination, amendment, waiver or other modification of the Transaction Support Agreement that would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay the Buyer's ability to obtain the Debt Financing or consummate the Transactions without the prior written consent of the Special Master.

## ARTICLE VII

### CONDITIONS TO CLOSING

Section 7.1. Conditions Precedent to Obligations of the Parties. The respective obligations of each of the Parties to consummate the Transactions are subject to the satisfaction, on or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions:

- (a) there shall not be in effect any Law or Order by a Governmental Body of competent jurisdiction restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the Transactions;
- (b) the Sale Order Entry shall have occurred;
- (c) the OFAC License shall have been obtained;
- (d) the waiting period applicable to the Transactions under the HSR Act (and any extensions thereof, including expiration of any voluntary timing agreement) shall have expired or early termination shall have been granted;
- (e) the approvals, clearances or expirations of waiting periods set forth in Section 7.1(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedules shall have been obtained; and
- (f) the Company shall have delivered the FIRPTA Certificate as set forth in Section 2.3(a)(iii).

Section 7.2. Conditions Precedent to Obligations of the Buyer. The obligations of the Buyer to consummate the Transactions are subject to the satisfaction, on or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions (any or all of which may be waived by the Buyer in whole or in part):

- (a) the Company Fundamental Representations shall be true and correct in all material respects (without giving effect to any "materiality", "Company Material Adverse Effect" or similar qualifiers contained in any of such representations and warranties) as of the Closing as if made on and as of the Closing (except to the extent that any such Company Fundamental Representation, by its terms, is expressly limited to a specific date, in which case, as of such specific date);
- (b) the Special Master shall have performed and complied in all material respects with all obligations and agreements required by this Agreement to be performed or complied with by him on or prior to the Closing;

(c) no Company Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred and remain ongoing; and

(d) the Sale Order shall be in full force and effect in all respects and not subject to any stay.

Section 7.3. Conditions Precedent to Obligations of the Special Master. The obligations of the Special Master to consummate the Transactions are subject to the satisfaction, on or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions (any or all of which may be waived by the Special Master in whole or in part):

(a) the representations and warranties of the Buyer set forth in Article V shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any “materiality”, “material adverse effect”, or similar qualifiers contained in any of such representations and warranties) as of the Closing as if made on and as of the Closing (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty, by its terms, is expressly limited to a specific date, in which case, as of such specific date), except for where the failure of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct would not (i) have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Buyer to perform its obligations under this Agreement or (ii) otherwise prevent, hinder, or delay the consummation of the Transactions; and

(b) the Buyer shall have performed and complied in all material respects with all obligations and agreements required by this Agreement to be performed or complied with by the Buyer on or prior to the Closing.

Section 7.4. Frustration of Closing Conditions. Neither the Special Master, nor the Buyer may rely, either as a basis for not consummating the Transactions or for terminating this Agreement and abandoning the Transactions, on the failure of any condition set forth in Section 7.1, Section 7.2, or Section 7.3, as the case may be, to be satisfied if such failure was caused by any material breach of a covenant, agreement, representation, or warranty of this Agreement by such Party.

## ARTICLE VIII

### TERMINATION

Section 8.1. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Closing (notwithstanding the Sale Order Entry, except as otherwise specified below) as follows:

(a) by mutual written consent of the Special Master (which consent shall be subject to approval of the Court) and the Buyer;

(b) by the Special Master or the Buyer, by written notice to the other Party, if: the Closing has not occurred prior to the date that is twelve (12) months after the Execution Date (such date, the “Initial Outside Date” and, as may be automatically extended pursuant to this Section 8.1(b), the “Outside Date”); provided, that if the Closing has not occurred by the Initial Outside Date due to the nonsatisfaction of any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1(c) (OFAC License), Section 7.1(d) (HSR Act), Section 7.1(e) (Other Antitrust Approvals), Section 7.1(f) (FIRPTA Certificate) or Section 7.2(d) (Sale Order), then the Initial Outside Date shall be extended

automatically for up to two (2) consecutive periods of ninety (90) calendar days each ( and in no event shall the Outside Date extend beyond the date that is one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the Initial Outside Date); provided, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the Special Master and/or the Buyer shall have the right to request an extension of the Outside Date by the Court for good cause; provided, further, that the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant this Section 8.1(b) shall not be available to any Party whose failure to fulfill any obligation under this Agreement has caused or resulted in the failure of the Closing to occur on or before the Outside Date;

(c) by the Special Master or the Buyer, by written notice to the other Party, if: there shall be any Law that makes consummation of the Transactions illegal or otherwise prohibited or if any Order preventing, enjoining or making illegal the Buyer, the Special Master or the Company from consummating the Transactions is entered and such Order shall become final and non-appealable (any such Law, Order, a “Legal Restraint”); provided that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.1(c) shall not be available to any Party whose failure to fulfill any obligation under Section 6.3 hereof has principally caused or resulted in the imposition of such Legal Restraint or the failure of such Legal Restraint to be resisted, resolved or lifted;

(d) by the Buyer, by written notice to the Special Master, if there shall have been a breach by the Special Master of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach would result in the failure to satisfy one or more of the conditions set forth in Section 7.2(a) or Section 7.2(b), and in any such case such breach shall be incapable of being cured or, if capable of being cured, shall not have been cured prior to the earlier of (i) forty-five (45) calendar days after providing written notice of such breach to the Special Master and (ii) the Outside Date; provided, that the Buyer shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(e) if the Buyer is then in breach of this Agreement and such breach would result in the failure of any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 or Section 7.3;

(e) by the Special Master (subject to approval of the Court), by written notice to the Buyer, if there shall have been a breach by the Buyer of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach would result in the failure to satisfy one or more of the conditions set forth in Section 7.3(a) or Section 7.3(b), and in any such case such breach shall be incapable of being cured or, if capable of being cured, shall not have been cured prior to the earlier of (i) forty-five (45) calendar days after providing written notice of such breach to the Buyer and (ii) the Outside Date; provided, that the Special Master shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(e) if the Special Master is then in breach of this Agreement and such breach would result in the failure of any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 or Section 7.2;

(f) by the Special Master, after being ordered to terminate this Agreement by the Court, as a result of one or more of the Venezuela Parties (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order) proposing an alternative to the Transactions and such alternative is approved by the Court;

(g) by the Special Master or the Buyer, by written notice to the other Party, if the Court issues an order in which it denies the Special Master’s recommendation to designate this Agreement as the Successful Bid; or

(h) by the Special Master or the Buyer, by written notice to the other Party, if the Transaction Support Agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms and is no longer in full force and effect.

Section 8.2. Effect of Termination. In the event that this Agreement is validly terminated in accordance with Section 8.1, this Agreement shall immediately become null and void and the Parties shall be relieved of their duties and obligations arising under this Agreement after the date of such termination and such termination shall be without liability to the Buyer, the Special Master or the Acquired Companies; provided, that the Confidentiality Agreement and the provisions of Section 3.3, this Section 8.2, and Article IX hereof shall survive any such termination and remain valid and binding obligations of each of the Parties.

## ARTICLE IX

### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.1. Survival. None of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents (including any certificate to be delivered pursuant to this Agreement) and none of the covenants of any party required to be performed before the Closing (including obligations with which the Special Master agrees to Cause the Acquired Companies to comply) shall survive the Closing, and thereafter none of the Parties or any of their Affiliates or any of their respective Representatives or any other Person shall have any liability whatsoever with respect to any such representation, warranty, covenant or agreement, and no claim for breach of any such representation or warranty, detrimental reliance or other right or remedy (whether in contract, in tort or at law or in equity) may be brought after the Closing with respect thereto. The provisions of this Section 9.1 will not, however, prevent or limit a cause of action to obtain an injunction to prevent breaches of this Agreement, to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof or for declaratory relief. Unless otherwise indicated, the covenants and agreements set forth in this Agreement which by their terms are required to be performed after the Closing shall survive the Closing until such covenants or agreements have been performed or satisfied.

Section 9.2. Expenses. Whether or not the Transactions are consummated, and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each Party to this Agreement will bear its respective fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, negotiation, execution and performance of this Agreement or the Transactions (including legal, accounting and other professional fees), and the Special Master Transaction Expenses shall be paid in accordance with Section 3.4(b) and the Advanced Transaction Expenses shall be paid in accordance with Section 3.4(d).

Section 9.3. Governing Law. This Agreement and all Related Claims shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the internal Laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any Laws (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware and without regard to any borrowing statute that would result in the application of the statutes of limitations or repose of any other jurisdiction. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Laws of the State of Delaware

will control even if under such jurisdiction's choice of law or conflict of law analysis, the substantive or procedural law of some other jurisdiction would ordinarily or necessarily apply.

Section 9.4. Dispute Resolution; Consent to Jurisdiction. Without limiting any Party's right to appeal any Order of the Court, (a) the Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Agreement and to decide any dispute which may arise or result from, or be connected with, this Agreement, any breach or default hereunder, or the Transactions, and (b) any and all proceedings related to the foregoing shall be filed and maintained only in the Court, and the Parties hereby consent to and submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Court and shall receive notices at such locations as indicated in Section 9.7 (as may be updated from time to time in accordance with Section 9.7).

Section 9.5. Consent to Service of Process; Waiver of Jury.

(a) Each of the Parties hereby consents to process being served by any party to this Agreement in any Legal Proceeding by the delivery of a copy thereof (other than by e-mail) in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.7.

(b) EACH PARTY HERETO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY RELATED CLAIM IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE EACH SUCH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT SUCH PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH LEGAL PROCEEDING OR RELATED CLAIM. EACH PARTY HERETO CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT: (I) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF SUCH LEGAL PROCEEDING, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER; (II) IT UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER; (III) IT MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY AND (IV) IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 9.5(B).

Section 9.6. Entire Agreement.

(a) This Agreement (including the Company Disclosure Schedules and any Exhibits hereto) and the Transaction Documents contain the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof, and supersede all prior and contemporaneous agreements, discussions, negotiations, correspondence, communications, undertakings and understandings among the Parties with respect to such subject matter (except for the Confidentiality Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms as modified hereunder). The Parties have voluntarily agreed to define their rights, liabilities and obligations with respect to the Transactions exclusively in contract pursuant to the express terms and provisions of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, and the Parties expressly disclaim that they are owed any duties or are entitled to any remedies not expressly set forth in this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents. Furthermore, the Parties each hereby acknowledge that this Agreement embodies the justifiable expectations of sophisticated parties

derived from arm's-length negotiations; the Parties specifically acknowledge that no party has any special relationship with another party that would justify any expectation beyond that of ordinary parties in an arm's-length transaction.

(b) The sole and exclusive remedies for any breach of the terms and provisions of this Agreement (including any representations and warranties set forth herein, made in connection herewith or as an inducement to enter into this Agreement) or any claim or cause of action otherwise arising out of or related to the Transactions shall be those remedies available at law or in equity for breach of contract against the Parties to this Agreement only (as such contractual remedies have been further limited or excluded pursuant to the express terms of this Agreement), and then only subject to the limitations hereunder, the Parties hereby agreeing that neither Party shall have any remedies or causes of action (whether in contract, tort, statute or otherwise) for any statements, communications, disclosures, failures to disclose, representations or warranties not explicitly set forth in this Agreement.

(c) All representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement are contractual in nature only and subject to the sole and exclusive remedies set forth herein.

(d) The Transactions relate to the purchase and sale of the Shares conducted pursuant to Section 324 of the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Sale Procedures Order, under which the Special Master has the authority to carry out the Transactions herein contemplated to be carried out by him. In connection therewith, the Designated Managers have furnished Specified Information to the Special Master. The Special Master, the Designated Managers, the Acquired Companies, its direct or indirect Subsidiaries and their respective Representatives have no liabilities or obligations hereunder or in respect of the Transactions for monetary damages or other relief (other than, if the conditions applicable thereto are satisfied, the Special Master's obligations to transfer the Shares and take or cause to be taken other actions under this Agreement and the Sale Procedures Order) except as expressly provided in Section 9.13. By executing this Agreement, each of the Parties waives on their behalf and on the behalf of their respective Representatives and forever relinquishes any right, claim or cause of action for damages or any other form of monetary relief against the Special Master, or any such Person based on, relating to or arising out of the Specified Information, this Agreement and any of the Transactions.

Section 9.7. Amendments and Waivers. This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed by the Buyer and the Special Master. No waiver by any Party of any provision of this Agreement or any breach of this Agreement hereunder, whether intentional or not, shall be valid unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the party making such waiver. The waiver by any Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a further or continuing waiver of such breach or as a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. No failure on the part of any Party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of such right, power or remedy by such Party preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. Any amendment to, or the Special Master's waiver of, a provision of this Agreement of which the Acquired Companies or the Venezuela Parties are third-party beneficiaries in accordance with Section 9.11 will require the prior written consent of the Company to the extent such amendment or waiver would be reasonably likely to adversely impact the Acquired Companies or the Venezuela Parties.

Section 9.8. Notices. All notices, requests, instruction, demands and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given (a) when delivered personally by hand (with written confirmation of receipt), (b) on the date sent by e-mail (provided confirmation of email receipt is obtained) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next Business Day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient, or (c) when received by the addressee if sent by nationally recognized overnight delivery service (with written confirmation of receipt), in each case, at the following addresses (or to such other address as a party may have specified by notice given to the other party pursuant to this provision):

If to the Special Master, to:

Robert B. Pincus in his capacity as Special  
Master for the United States District Court for the  
District of Delaware

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

With a copy to:

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel to the  
Special Master  
767 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10153  
Email: Horizon.Notice@weil.com

If to the Buyer, to:

Amber MSub LLC  
c/o Elliott Investment Management L.P.  
360 S. Rosemary Ave, 18th Floor  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

With a copy to:

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
One Bryant Park  
New York, NY 10036  
Attention: Project Horizon  
E-mail: HorizonAkinCore@akingump.com

Section 9.9. Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced by any Law or public policy, all other terms or provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the Transactions is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner such that the Transactions are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

Section 9.10. Binding Effect; Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns and, without limiting the foregoing, references to the "Special Master" in this Agreement shall be deemed to

include any successor, substitute or replacement thereof. This Agreement shall not be assigned by (a) the Buyer without the prior written consent of the Special Master; provided, that the consent of the Special Master shall not be required for any assignment by the Buyer of (i) its rights (but not its obligations) hereunder as collateral to the Debt Financing Sources under the definitive documents governing the Debt Financing after the Closing Date and (ii) its rights and obligations hereunder to any controlled Affiliate of the Buyer (provided, that any assignment pursuant to this proviso shall in no event release the Buyer from its obligations hereunder and, effective as of such assignment, the Buyer shall remain jointly and severally liable with the assignee for the performance of any obligations arising under, or in connection with, this Agreement) or (b) the Special Master, without the prior written consent of the Buyer.

Section 9.11. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement shall confer any rights, remedies or claims of any nature upon any Person other than the Parties and their respective successors or permitted assigns, except for the rights of (a) the Indemnitees as set forth in Section 6.6; (b) the Non-Parties (including the Acquired Companies and their Representatives) set forth in Section 9.12; (c) the Buyer Released Parties and the Special Master Released Parties as set forth in Section 9.15; (d) the Debt Financing Sources as set forth in Section 9.17; and (e) the Acquired Companies and their Representatives with respect to Section 4.22, Section 5.12 and Section 9.1. All of the Persons identified as third-party beneficiaries in the immediately preceding sentence shall be entitled to enforce such provisions and to avail themselves of the benefits of any remedy for any breach of such provisions, all to the same extent as if such Persons were parties to this Agreement.

Section 9.12. Non-Recourse. This Agreement may only be enforced against, and any Related Claims may only be made or asserted against (and are expressly limited to) the Persons that are expressly identified as the Parties in the preamble to this Agreement and solely in their capacities as such. No Person who is not a Party, including the Acquired Companies and any current, former or future Affiliate or Representative of any Party or the Acquired Companies or any current, former, or future Affiliate or Representative of any of the foregoing (such Persons, collectively, but specifically excluding the Parties, “Non-Parties”), shall have any liability (whether at law or in equity, based upon contract, tort, statute or otherwise) for obligations or liabilities arising under, in connection with or related to this Agreement or for any Related Claim and each Party hereby irrevocably waives and releases all such liabilities, obligations and Related Claims against any such Non-Party. Without limiting the rights of any Party hereto against the other Parties as set forth herein, in no event shall any Party, any of its Affiliates or any Person claiming by, through or on behalf of any of them institute any Related Claim against any Non-Party. In no event shall any Person be liable for the Fraud of any other Person, and a claim for Fraud may only be asserted against the Person that committed such Fraud; provided, that, in no case will any claim for Fraud be asserted against the Special Master.

Section 9.13. Specific Performance.

(a) The Parties agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached, and that money damages or legal remedies would not be an adequate remedy for any such damages. Therefore, it is accordingly agreed that prior to the termination of this Agreement in accordance with Section 8.1, each Party shall be entitled to an injunction or

injunctions to prevent or restrain any breach or threatened breach of this Agreement by any other party and to seek specific performance of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, to prevent breaches or threatened breaches of, or to enforce compliance with, the covenants and obligations of any other party, in any court of competent jurisdiction, and appropriate injunctive relief shall be granted in connection therewith. Such remedies shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any other remedy to which such party is entitled at law or in equity.

(b) Each Party hereto hereby waives (i) any defenses in any action for specific performance, and agrees not to oppose the granting of an injunction, specific performance or other equitable relief as provided herein, on the basis that (A) the other Party has an adequate remedy at law or (B) an award of specific performance is not an appropriate remedy for any reason at law or in equity and (ii) any requirement under any Law to post a bond or other security as a prerequisite to obtaining equitable relief.

(c) The Parties agree that (i) by seeking the remedies provided for in this Section 9.13, no Party shall in any respect waive its right to seek at any time any other form of relief that may be available to it under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document (including monetary damages) in the event that this Agreement has been terminated or in the event that the remedies provided for in this Section 9.13 are not available or otherwise are not granted, and (ii) nothing set forth in this Section 9.13 shall require any Party hereto to institute any proceeding for (or limit any Party's right to institute any proceeding for) specific performance under this Section 9.13 prior to or as a condition to exercising any termination right under Article VIII, nor shall the commencement of any Legal Proceeding pursuant to this Section 9.13 or anything set forth in this Section 9.13 restrict or limit any Party's right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with the terms of Article VIII or pursue any other remedies under this Agreement any other Transaction Document that may be available then or thereafter.

Section 9.14. Successors and Assigns. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns; provided that no Party may assign, delegate or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the Special Master and the other Parties.

Section 9.15. Release.

(a) Effective as of the Closing Date, except for any rights or obligations under this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents each of the Buyer and the Company on behalf of itself and each of its Affiliates and Representatives and each of its current, former and future officers, directors, employees, partners, members, advisors, successors and assigns (collectively, the "Buyer Releasing Parties"), hereby irrevocably and unconditionally releases and forever discharges (A) the Special Master and each of his current, former and future financial advisors, attorneys, consultants or other advisors and his and their respective, successors and assigns, the Designated Managers, the other Company Employees listed in the Procedures Summary, (B) any other current or former employees, directors, officers, partners, members or managers of the Acquired Companies who participated in the Buyer's due diligence and investigation of the Acquired Companies, the preparation of the Company Disclosure Schedules or the preparation, negotiation or consummation of the Transactions or otherwise participated in the sale process contemplated by the Sale Procedures Order and any other individuals as

reasonably agreed by Buyer and the Special Master during the Interim Period (the Persons described in the immediately preceding clause (A) and clause (B), collectively, the “Special Master Released Parties”) of and from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, controversies, demands, rights, indemnities, guaranties, suits, proceedings, obligations, liabilities, executions, judgments, damages, duties, debts, dues, offsets, powers, privileges, accounts, bonds, contracts and covenants (whether express or implied), and claims and demands whatsoever, known or unknown, contingent or non-contingent, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen, liquidated or unliquidated, disputed or undisputed, secured or unsecured, assertable directly or derivatively, whether in contract or in tort, in law or in equity which the Buyer Releasing Parties now has or in the future may have against each of the Special Master Released Parties and the Debt Financing Sources, in respect of any cause, matter or thing based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the business or operations of the Acquired Companies, the Transactions, or the ownership of Shares by the Special Master Released Parties, in each case, occurring or arising on or prior to the date of the Closing Date. The Buyer, on behalf of itself and each Buyer Releasing Party, covenants and agrees that no Buyer Releasing Party shall assert any such claim against the Special Master Released Parties; provided, however, that nothing herein shall operate as a release of any causes of action or liabilities unknown to the Buyer Releasing Party as of the Closing Date arising out of willful misconduct, fraud or criminal acts of a Special Master Released Party.

(b) Effective as of the Closing Date, except for any rights or obligations under this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents, the Special Master and on behalf of himself and each of his current, former and future financial advisors, attorneys, consultants or other advisors and his and their respective successors and assigns (collectively, the “Special Master Releasing Parties”), hereby irrevocably and unconditionally releases and forever discharges the Buyer, the Company, the Debt Financing Sources, their respective Affiliates and Representatives and each of its and their respective current, former and future officers, directors, employees, partners, members, advisors, successors and assigns (collectively, the “Buyer Released Parties”) of and from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, controversies, demands, rights, indemnities, guaranties, suits, proceedings, obligations, liabilities, executions, judgments, damages, duties, debts, dues, offsets, powers, privileges, accounts, bonds, contracts and covenants (whether express or implied), and claims and demands whatsoever, known or unknown, contingent or non-contingent, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen, liquidated or unliquidated, disputed or undisputed, secured or unsecured, assertable directly or derivatively, whether in contract or in tort, in law or in equity which the Special Master Releasing Parties now has or in the future may have against each of the Buyer Released Parties, in respect of any cause, matter or thing based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the business or operations of the Acquired Companies or the Transactions, in each case, occurring or arising on or prior to the date of the Closing Date. The Special Master, on behalf of itself and each Special Master Releasing Party, covenants and agrees that no Special Master Releasing Party shall assert any such claim against the Buyer Released Parties; provided, however, that nothing herein shall operate as a release of any causes of action or liabilities unknown to the Special Master Releasing Party as of the Closing Date arising out of willful misconduct, fraud or criminal acts of the Buyer, the Company or a Debt Financing Source.

Section 9.16. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts including by facsimile or other means of electronic transmission, such as by electronic mail in

“.pdf” form, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Agreement and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement.

Section 9.17. Debt Financing Sources. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Special Master hereby:

(a) agrees that any proceeding, whether in law or in equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise, involving the Debt Financing Sources, arising out of or relating to, this Agreement, the Debt Financing and/or any of the agreements (including the Debt Commitment Letters) entered into in connection with the Debt Financing or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the performance of any services thereunder shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of any federal or state court in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York, so long as such forum is and remains available, and any appellate court thereof and each Party hereto irrevocably submits itself and its property with respect to any such proceeding to be the exclusive jurisdiction of such court;

(b) agrees that any such proceeding shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York (without giving effect to any conflicts of law principles that would result in the application of the laws of another state), except as otherwise provided in the Debt Commitment Letters or any other applicable definitive document relating to the Debt Financing;

(c) without limiting the rights of the Buyer under the Debt Commitment Letters and/or any right or remedy available to any person under the definitive documentation governing the Debt Financing, agrees not to bring or support or permit any of its Affiliates to bring or support any proceeding of any kind or description, whether in law or in equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise, against any Debt Financing Source in any way arising out of or relating to, this Agreement, the Debt Financing and/or any of the agreements (including the Debt Commitment Letters) entered into in connection with the Debt Financing or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the performance of any services thereunder in any forum other than any federal or state court in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York;

(d) agrees that service of process upon the Acquired Companies and/or each of its controlled Affiliates or the Special Master in any such proceeding shall be effective if notice is given in accordance with Section 9.7;

(e) irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent that it may effectively do so, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such Legal Proceeding in any such court;

(f) knowingly, intentionally and voluntarily waives, to the fullest extent permitted by Law, trial by jury in any proceeding brought against any Debt Financing Source in any way arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Debt Financing and/or any of the agreements (including the Debt Commitment Letters) entered into in connection with the Debt Financing or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the performance of any services thereunder;

(g) without limiting the rights of the Buyer under the Debt Commitment Letters and/or any right or remedy available to any person under the definitive documentation governing the Debt Financing, agrees that none of the Debt Financing Sources will have any liability to the

Acquired Companies and/or any of their respective controlled Affiliates (in each case, other than the Buyer and the Buyer Subsidiaries) or the Special Master relating to or arising out of this Agreement, the Debt Financing and/or any of the agreements (including the Debt Commitment Letters) entered into in connection with the Debt Financing or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the performance of any services thereunder, whether in law or in equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise; and

(h) agrees that the Debt Financing Sources are express third party beneficiaries of, and may enforce, any of the provisions of this Section 9.17 and that such provisions and the definitions of “Debt Commitment Letter,” “Debt Financing,” and “Debt Financing Sources,” shall not be amended in any way adverse to any Debt Financing Source without the prior written consent of such Debt Financing Source.

Section 9.18. Special Master and his Representatives’ Judicial Immunity. The Buyer agrees that in no circumstance shall the Special Master or his Representatives be personally or otherwise liable for any amounts or obligations owed to the Buyer, for any breach of any representations or warranties in this Agreement, or for any other claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the transaction contemplated by this Agreement. The Buyer further agrees that the Special Master and his Representatives are acting as an arm of the Court and are entitled to judicial immunity in the performance of their duties and in connection with this Agreement and the Transactions.

Section 9.19. Special Master Indemnification. From and after the Closing, the Buyer shall, and shall cause each Acquired Company to, indemnify, defend and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable Law, the Special Master against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, claims, actions, judgments, settlements, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs or expenses of whatever kind, including attorneys’ fees, that are incurred by Special Master, arising out of or related to this Agreement. Further, from and after the Closing, the Buyer shall, or shall cause the Acquired Companies to, advance any expenses (including fees and expenses of legal counsel) of the Special Master under this Section 9.19 (including in connection with enforcing the indemnity and other obligations referred to in this Section 9.19), as incurred, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable Law. Buyer’s obligations pursuant to this Section 9.19 shall in no event exceed \$10,000,000 in the aggregate.

*[Signature Pages Follow]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

AMBER MSUB LLC, as the Buyer



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Elliot Greenberg  
Title: Vice President

ROBERT B. PINCUS, as the Special Master

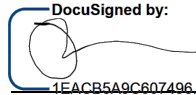
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Title: Special Master

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

AMBER MSUB LLC, as the Buyer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ROBERT B. PINCUS, as the Special Master

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNEX A

### DEFINITIONS

“Acquired Companies” means, collectively, the Company and each of the Company Subsidiaries.

“Additional Judgment Creditors” means the judgment holders, other than Crystallex Corporation and ConocoPhillips Petrozuata B.V., set forth in the Priority Order [D.I. 996], dated March 1, 2024, in the Specified Litigation.

“Advanced Transaction Expenses” means, as provided in the Sale Procedures Order and the May Order (in each case as in effect on Execution Date), the Special Master’s compensation and any out-of-pocket costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Special Master in connection with the Transactions for investment bankers, third party consultants, legal counsel and any of his other Representatives or Advisors (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order) that have previously been paid as an advance by the Sale Process Parties and Additional Judgment Creditors pursuant to the procedures set forth in the May Order, which for the avoidance of doubt will include the monthly expenses of the Special Master (including fees and expenses of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Potter Anderson & Carroon LLP, Jenner & Block LLP, Evercore and any other advisors engaged by the Special Master).

“Affiliate” means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person, and the term “control” (including the terms “controlled by” and “under common control with”) means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; provided, that (i) in no event shall any direct or indirect equity investor in the Buyer be deemed an “Affiliate” of the Buyer other than Elliott Associates, L.P. and Elliott International, L.P. and their respective Affiliates and (ii) “Affiliates” shall in no event include any portfolio company of Elliott Investment Management, L.P., Elliott Associates, L.P. or Elliott International, L.P.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means any applicable Law for the prevention or punishment of public or commercial corruption or bribery, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, U.K. Bribery Act 2010 and any other applicable anti-corruption or anti-bribery Law of any other applicable jurisdiction.

“Antitrust Laws” means the HSR Act, the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act, the Federal Trade Commission Act, and any other Laws that are designed to prohibit, restrict or regulate actions having the purpose or effect of monopolization, lessening of competition, or restraint of trade.

“Attached Judgment” means a judgment held by a Claimholder and listed in the Final Priority Order [D.I. 1102] in the Specified Litigation.

“Business Day” means any day of the year other than (a) a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday in the United States or (b) a day on which national banking institutions in New York, New York are required or authorized to close.

“Business Unit” each of (a) Corpus Christi Refinery, (b) Crude Supply & Trading, (c) Lake Charles Refinery, (d) Lemont Refinery, (e) Lights Oils Marketing, (f) Logistics, (g) Lubricants, (h) Procurement, (i) Product Supply & Trading, (j) Specialty Products, and (k) Terminals & Pipelines.

“Buyer Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Buyer, as of the Execution Date.

“Cash” means the cash and cash equivalents of the Acquired Companies; provided, that Cash shall (a) exclude (i) all issued but uncleared checks and drafts of the Acquired Companies, (ii) cash deposits and cash held in escrow accounts, (iii) with respect to any cash held outside the United States, all Taxes, fees, expenses and other costs associated with repatriating such cash into the United States, (iv) cash held by the Acquired Companies for third parties, and (v) cash held as collateral for outstanding letters of credit and any other restricted or trapped cash; and shall (b) include all checks and wire transfers and drafts deposited or available for deposit for the account of the Acquired Companies.

“CITGO Petroleum” means CITGO Petroleum Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

“Claim” means (a) a right to a payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured or (b) an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured. Without limiting the foregoing and for the avoidance of doubt, a Claim includes any loss, liability, demand, claim, judgment, sanction, penalty, action, obligation, commitment, assessment, settlement, fee, debt, deficiency, guaranty of any kind, proceeding, damage, cost, or expense (including court costs and professional fees (including attorneys’ fees and costs)) whatsoever, whether at law or in equity, whether known or unknown, fixed, liquidated, contingent, or otherwise, whether under any theory of successor or transferee liability and whether imposed by agreement, understanding, law, or otherwise.

“Closing Consideration” means \$5,790,416,426.24, plus the aggregate amount of accrued interest on judgments held by Claimholders (other than the Claimholders junior to Koch) from August 29, 2025 through the Closing in accordance with that certain Order entered by the Court on April 25, 2024 [D.I. 1136], minus the Deposit Amount, minus the Credit Bid Amount, plus the Incremental Consideration.

“Closing Release” means that certain release, dated the Closing Date, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C or otherwise in form and substance acceptable to the Special Master.

“Closing Transaction Expenses” means the Special Master Transaction Expenses that are unpaid as of the Closing.

“COBRA” means Part 6 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA, Section 4980B of the Code and any similar state applicable Law.

“Code” means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Company Benefit Plan” means (a) each “employee benefit plan” (as such term is defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA), (b) each plan, program, policy, agreement or arrangement that would be an “employee benefit plan” (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA), if it were subject to ERISA, (c) each stock purchase, stock option, restricted stock, stock bonus, stock ownership, stock appreciation rights, phantom equity, profits interests or other equity or equity-based plan or agreement, (d) each compensation, bonus, commission, incentive or deferred compensation plan, agreement, arrangement, program, policy or practice, (e) each employment or consulting agreement, offer letter or severance, retention, change of control, termination, employee loan or other compensation plan, agreement, arrangement, program, policy, or practice, (f) each health or welfare plan, agreement, arrangement, program, policy, or practice, and (g) each vacation policy, or other employee fringe benefit or perquisite arrangement whether or not subject to ERISA, in the cases of clauses (a) through (g), (x) that is maintained, sponsored, or contributed to by (or required to be contributed to by) any Acquired Company or with respect to which any Acquired Company has any liability and (y) under which any current or former director, officer, manager, employee, contractor or consultant of any Acquired Company has any present or future right to benefits or is eligible to participate.

“Company Fundamental Representations” means the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4.1 (Corporate Existence; Title to Shares) and Section 4.4 (Capitalization).

“Company Material Adverse Effect” means any state of facts, change, development, event, effect, circumstance, condition or occurrence (each, an “Effect”) that, individually or in the aggregate, (x) would materially delay or impair the ability of the Special Master or the Acquired Companies (as applicable) to consummate the Transactions pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, in each case, other than Claims or Legal Proceedings arising out of or in relation to the Sale Order, the Purported Equity Pledge or the Equity Pledge Litigation or (y) results in or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or otherwise), business, assets, liabilities or results of operations of the Acquired Companies and the Non-Controlled Entities, taken as a whole; provided, however, that in no event shall any of the following Effects, alone or in combination, be deemed to constitute, or be taken into account, in determining whether there has been, or would be, a Company Material Adverse Effect (A) any changes or conditions in the U.S. or any other national or regional economy, any global economic changes or conditions or securities, credit, financial or other capital markets conditions; (B) any changes or conditions affecting the oil and gas industry in general (including changes to the prices of commodities or of the raw material inputs or value of the outputs of the Company’s products, general market prices and regulatory changes affecting the industry); (C) any weather-related or other force majeure event or outbreak (including earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, tornadoes, floods, mudslides, wild fires or other natural disasters); (D) pandemics, epidemics, COVID-19 measures, acts of war (whether or not declared), armed hostility (by recognized governmental forces or otherwise), sabotage, terrorism or cyber-attack, and any escalation or general worsening of any of the foregoing or other response to any Governmental Bodies (including requirements for business closures, restrictions on operations or “sheltering-in-place”); (E) Effects resulting from the negotiation, execution, announcement, pendency, compliance with or performance of this Agreement, the Transactions or the terms hereof or the consummation of the Transactions, including the impact thereof on the relationships of the Acquired Companies with customers, suppliers, partners, employees or Governmental Bodies; (F) any action taken by an Acquired Company or failure of such Acquired Company to take action, in each case, which the Buyer has

requested in writing or consented to when asked under Section 6.1; (G) changes in applicable Law or in GAAP or in accounting standards, or any changes in the interpretation or enforcement by any Governmental Body of any of the foregoing, or any changes in general legal or regulatory conditions, including any Effects arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, any “shut-down” or funding freeze of the U.S. federal government (including any of its agencies); (H) any failure to meet any internal projections, forecasts, guidance, estimates, milestones, or budgets or internal or published financial or operating predictions of revenue, earnings, cash flow or cash position; (I) any downgrade in the Company’s credit rating (it being understood that the exceptions in clauses (H) and (I) shall not prevent or otherwise affect a determination that the underlying cause of any such Effect referred to therein (if not otherwise falling within any of the exceptions provided hereof) is a Company Material Adverse Effect); (J) compliance with, or any action required to be taken by the Buyer or its Affiliates under the terms of this Agreement or in connection with the Transactions including Section 6.3(d); or (K) Claims or Legal Proceedings arising out of or in relation to the Sale Order, the Purported Equity Pledge or the Equity Pledge Litigation; provided, that in the case of clauses (A), (B), (C), (D) and (G), to the extent the impact on the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole, is disproportionately adverse compared to the impact on similarly situated entities, the incrementally disproportionate impact or impacts shall be taken into account in determining whether there has been, or would reasonably be expected to be, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

“Company Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Company.

“Competing Proposal” means any bona fide proposal or offer made by any Person or group of related Persons (other than the Buyer and its Affiliates) (A) to purchase or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, in one transaction or a series of transactions, pursuant to a merger, consolidation or other business combination, sale of shares of capital stock, sale of assets or similar transaction (1) beneficial ownership (as defined under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), of more than twenty percent (20%) of any class of equity securities of the Company or (2) any one or more assets or businesses of the Acquired Companies that constitute more than twenty percent (20%) of the consolidated assets of the Acquired Companies (based on the fair market value thereof), (B) to effect any other transaction pursuant to which any other alternative to the Transactions would be consummated, or (C) relating to any reorganization, recapitalization, license, joint venture, partnership, liquidation, dissolution or other similar transaction involving any one or more assets or businesses of the Acquired Companies that constitute more than twenty percent (20%) of the consolidated assets of the Acquired Companies (based on the fair market value thereof).

“Contract” means any written or oral contract, agreement, lease, easement, license, sublicense, subcontract, note, evidence of indebtedness, mortgage, indenture, bond, letter of credit, purchase order, binding bid, security agreement or other legally binding arrangement, whether express or implied (including all amendments, supplements, and modifications thereto), but shall exclude Permits and Company Benefit Plans.

“Debt” means, with respect to the Acquired Companies, without duplication, the following obligations: (i) the principal amount of obligations of the Acquired Companies (A) for borrowed money, whether or not contingent, or (B) evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments (including debt-like instruments) or debt securities; (ii) all obligations of the Acquired Companies for the reimbursement of any obligor of any guaranties, performance bonds,

performance guaranties, indemnities, keep-wells, sureties, bankers' acceptances, letters of credit or similar arrangements, to the extent drawn upon; (iii) all liabilities of any Person (other than any Acquired Company) for which any Acquired Company has guaranteed repayment (to the extent of such guarantee); (iv) all obligations for deferred purchase price of property, assets or services, all conditional sale obligations, earnouts, holdbacks or other similar obligations (calculated at the full amount of the possible payment outstanding); (v) all obligations under finance leases; (vi) non-current liabilities; (vii) post-retirement welfare benefits and unfunded or underfunded pensions; (viii) to the extent drawn, obligations under the Receivables Securitization Facility; and (ix) all obligations of the type referred to in clauses (i) through (viii) above of other Persons secured by any Lien on any property or asset of the Acquired Companies, whether or not such obligation is assumed by the Acquired Companies (with Debt under this clause (ix) being limited, in the case of any such obligation of another Person, to the lower of such obligation and the fair market value of the properties and assets securing the same). Debt shall not include (A) any amounts included in Closing Transaction Expenses, (B) any obligations or guarantees under bankers acceptance, letters of credit or similar arrangements to the extent undrawn as of the Closing Date and which do not become drawable as a result of the Transactions, (C) any intercompany Debt of the Company and its wholly owned Subsidiaries and (D) any Taxes.

"Debt Financing Documents" means any credit agreements, note purchase agreements, engagement letters, fee letters, indentures, guarantees, pledge and security documents, definitive financing documents, agreements, schedules or other certificates or documents contemplated by the Debt Financing.

"Debt Financing Source" means, in its capacity as such, any lender, similar debt financing source, agent or arranger providing or arranging a commitment to, or that has entered into definitive agreements related to, the Debt Financing, including pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letters (as modified by any joinder agreement, amendment, or other modification thereto as permitted hereunder) or any Debt Financing Document (or any other commitment letter or definitive agreement in respect of any alternative debt financing) and their respective Affiliates, and such Person's (and their respective Affiliates') former, current or future equityholders, members, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, agents or advisors, and, in each case, their respective successors and assigns; provided, however, that neither the Buyer nor any of its Affiliates shall constitute a Debt Financing Source.

"Debt Payoff Amount" means the aggregate principal amount of the Specified Debt, plus all accrued but unpaid interest, fees and other amounts payable thereon (including any premiums, penalties, breakage costs and any other fees, expenses or other obligations relating thereto), in each case, calculated as of the Closing Date or as of the Redemption Date as defined in the applicable indenture to such item of Specified Debt.

"Deposit Forfeiture Termination Event" means the occurrence of this Agreement being terminated (i) by the Special Master or the Buyer pursuant to Section 8.1(b) (Outside Date) (if the Special Master could otherwise have terminated pursuant to Section 8.1(e) (Buyer Breach)) or Section 8.1(c) (Legal Restraint), provided, however, that termination pursuant to Section 8.1(c) (Legal Restraint) shall not constitute a Deposit Forfeiture Termination Event to the extent that such Legal Restraint was not caused by any action or inaction of the Buyer in breach of this Agreement

or related to Buyer's identity or (ii) by the Special Master pursuant to Section 8.1(e) (Buyer Breach).

"Designated Managers" means the employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries designated as such in the Procedures Summary.

"Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws" means all applicable Laws relating to export controls, anti-boycott, and Sanctions Targets, including prohibited or restricted international trade and financial transactions and lists maintained by any Governmental Body targeting countries, territories, entities or persons, including the United States, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, or His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom. For the avoidance of doubt, the applicable Laws referenced in the foregoing sentence include (1) any of the Trading With the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the United Nations Participation Act, or the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Act, or any regulations of OFAC, or any export control Law applicable to U.S.-origin goods, technology, or software, or any enabling legislation or executive order relating to any of the above, as collectively interpreted and applied by the U.S. Government at the prevailing point in time, (2) any U.S. sanctions related to or administered by the U.S. Department of State and (3) any sanctions measures or embargoes imposed by the United Nations Security Council, His Majesty's Treasury or the European Union.

"Environmental Laws" means any and all Laws relating to (a) pollution or the protection, cleanup, preservation or restoration of the environment or natural resources (including air, water, land, soil, subsoil, wildlife, plants, or other natural resources), (b) the generation, manufacture, processing, handling, use, labeling, treatment, storage, disposal, transportation, or Release or threatened Release of, or exposure to, any Hazardous Substance, or (c) the health and safety of Persons, including the following, to the extent applicable: the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq.; the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.; the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.; the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.; the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 11001 et seq.; the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300(f) et seq.; the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq.; the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. § 136 et seq.; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.; the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.; the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. § 651 et seq. (with respect to human exposure to Hazardous Substances); the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.; the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. § 668 et seq.; the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. § 703 et seq.; and any similar or implementing state or local Law, all amendments or regulations promulgated thereunder.

"EPP" means the CITGO Petroleum Corporation Executive Protection Plan, as amended.

"Equitable Exceptions" means, collectively, (a) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar Laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally, and (b) general principles of equity, including principles of commercial reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding at law or in equity).

“Equity Commitment Letters” means the equity commitment letters executed by each Equity Financing Source on the Execution Date.

“Equity Financing Sources” means the Persons set forth in Section 1.1(a) of the Buyer Disclosure Schedules.

“Equity Interests” means, with respect to any entity, any and all capital stock, shares, quotas, limited liability company interests (however designated), partnership or membership interests or units (whether general or limited), or other similar interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distribution of assets of, such entity, the right to vote for or appoint directors (or other similar governing body members) of such entity or the right to otherwise cause the direction or management and policies of such entity in a manager, general partner or other similar capacity.

“Equity Pledge Litigation” means the case of *Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. v. MUFG Union Bank, N.A.*, 19-10023 (KPF) (S.D.N.Y.) that was initiated on October 29, 2019 by PDVSA, the Company and CITGO Holding, Inc. against GLAS and MUFG in their capacities as collateral agent and trustee, respectively, for the 2020 Bondholders, disputing the Purported Equity Pledge.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the rules and regulations thereunder.

“ERISA Affiliate” means with respect to any Person, trade or business, or entity, any other Person, trade or business, or entity, (a) that is, or was at the relevant time, a member of a group described in Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code that includes, or included at the relevant time, the first Person, trade or business, or entity, or (b) that is, or was at the relevant time, a member of the same “controlled group” as the first Person, trade or business, or entity pursuant to Section 4001(a)(14) of ERISA.

“Escrow Account” means the escrow account established pursuant to the Escrow Agreement in respect of the Deposit Amount.

“Existing Senior Secured Notes” means the 6.375% Senior Secured Notes, the 7.000% Senior Secured Notes and the 8.375% Senior Secured Notes, or any of them.

“Expense Reimbursement Amount” means the amount required to be paid to the Topping Bidder pursuant to and in accordance with Section 8.3 of the Topping Bidder Stock Purchase Agreement, which amount shall not exceed \$30,000,000 in the aggregate, of reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs, fees and expenses, inclusive of any out-of-pocket financing commitment fees, incurred by the Topping Bidder and its Affiliates in connection with the Transactions (provided, that the Topping Bidder has provided written confirmation of the amount of such expenses), as set forth by the Special Master in the Funds Flow Memorandum.

“Expense Reserve Holdback Account” means the account established by the Special Master in respect of the Expense Reserve Holdback Amount.

“Expense Reserve Holdback Amount” means a reasonable amount to be determined by the Special Master in good faith that is approved by the Court prior to Closing.

“Evaluation Criteria” means the non-exhaustive list of criteria, as approved by the Court pursuant to the January Order, based on which the Special Master shall determine which bid to recommend as the stalking horse bid, base bid or Successful Bid, if any and as applicable.

“Fraud” means a knowing misrepresentation of a material fact or concealment of a material fact by a Person with respect to any representation or warranty in this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents which is made or concealed with the specific intent to deceive and the intent of inducing another Person to enter into the Transaction Documents; provided, that at the time such representation was made (a) such representation was materially inaccurate, (b) such Person had actual knowledge (and not imputed or constructive knowledge), without any duty of inquiry or investigation, of the material inaccuracy of such representation, (c) such Person had the specific intent to deceive another Person and (d) the other Person acted in reliance on such inaccurate representation and suffered financial injury as a result of such material inaccuracy. For the avoidance of doubt, “Fraud” does not include any Claim for equitable fraud, promissory fraud, unfair dealings fraud, or any torts (including a Claim for fraud) based on negligence or recklessness.

“Good Industry Practice” means any of the practices, methods, standards, procedures and actions which could reasonably be expected to be used or taken by a reasonably prudent operator of properties or other assets, as applicable, similar to the applicable properties or other assets of the Acquired Companies, in each case, in light of the facts and circumstances known as of the relevant time of measurement. “Good Industry Practice” is not intended to be limited to the optimal practice, method, standard, procedure or action to the exclusion of all others, but rather is intended to include a range of practices, methods, standards or actions that meet the foregoing qualifications.

“Governmental Body” means any domestic or foreign national, state, multi-state, municipal or other local government, including any governmental, regulatory, or administrative department, division, subdivision, agency, bureau, board, commission, or authority thereof, or any quasi-governmental or private body exercising any regulatory or Taxing Authority (to the extent that the rules, regulations or orders of such organization or authority have the force of Law), or any court, tribunal or arbitral body of competent jurisdiction.

“Government Contract” means any Contract, grant, basic ordering agreement, letter contract, or order with (i) any Governmental Body, (ii) another Person under such other Person’s prime contract with a Governmental Body, or (iii) any higher tier subcontractor of a Governmental Body in its capacity as a subcontractor, for which the period of performance has not expired or terminated, or final payment has not been received, or which remains open to audit as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date. Unless otherwise indicated, a task, purchase or delivery order under a Government Contract will not constitute a separate Government Contract for purposes of this definition but will be part of the Government Contract under which it was issued.

“Hazardous Substance” means any substance, material or waste that is regulated, listed, designated, classified, defined or characterized under or pursuant to any Environmental Law as “hazardous,” “toxic,” “radioactive,” a “pollutant,” a “contaminant,” or words of similar meaning, including petroleum or petroleum products, byproducts, derivatives, crude oil or any fraction thereof, PFAS, explosive materials, radioactive materials, asbestos, lead-based paint, or polychlorinated biphenyls.

“HSR Act” means the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended.

“Incremental Consideration” means \$75,000,000 in cash.

“Indenture” means the indenture issued on October 27, 2016, by PDVSA, as issuer, with PDVSA Petróleo, S.A., as guarantor, MUFG Union Bank, N.A., as trustee (“MUFG”), GLAS Americas LLC, as collateral agent (“GLAS”), Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as registrar, transfer agent and principal agent, and Banque Internationale À Luxembourg, Société Anonyme, as Luxembourg paying agent.

“Interest Rate” means (x) the rate of interest published from time to time by The Wall Street Journal, Eastern Edition, as the “prime rate” at large U.S. money center banks during the period from the date that payment is due to the date of payment, plus (y) one percent (1.0%).

“Interim Period” means the period beginning on the date of the Sale Order Entry and ending upon the earlier of the Closing and the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms.

“IRS” means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

“Judgment Creditors” means the judgment holders in the Specified Litigation.

“Knowledge of the Buyer” means the actual knowledge (and not imputed or constructive knowledge) of any of the Persons set forth in Section 1.1(b) of the Buyer Disclosure Schedules after due inquiry.

“Knowledge of the Company” or “Company’s Knowledge” means the actual knowledge (and not imputed or constructive knowledge) of the Designated Managers after due inquiry.

“Knowledge of the Special Master” means actual knowledge (and not imputed or constructive knowledge) of the Special Master.

“Law” means any applicable foreign, federal, state, local law (including common law), statute, treaty, code, ordinance, rule, regulation, judgment, decree, binding directive, policy, injunction, Order or other legal requirement of any Governmental Body; provided, that in no event shall “applicable Law” be deemed to include Laws and Orders of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

“Legal Proceeding” means any judicial, regulatory, administrative or arbitral action, suit, claim, appeal, cause of action, objection, demand, inquiry, audit, notice of violation, citation, summon, subpoena, enforcement action, complaint, proceeding, or investigation of any nature, civil, criminal, public or private.

“Lien” means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset.

“Lookback Date” means the date that is three (3) years prior to the Topping Bidder SPA Date.

“Money Laundering Laws” means any law or regulation regarding money laundering financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements or terrorism financing, including the U.S. Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, the U.S. Money Laundering Control Act of 1986, the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, and any applicable money laundering-related laws of other jurisdictions where the Acquired Companies conduct business, conduct financial transactions or own assets.

“Negative Consequences” means (a) if related to any consent with respect to any Contract, (i) any default, breach or violation of such Contract (or any default, breach or violation that would result with notice, lapse of time or both) or (ii) any modification or supplement to the rates, service levels, performance schedules or other terms or conditions of such Contract or any right to modify any of the foregoing, in each case, that would be or reasonably could be expected to be adverse to the Acquired Companies, (b) the imposition of any restriction, limitation or new covenant on any Acquired Company, (c) the imposition or creation of any Lien on any assets or properties of any Acquired Company, (d) any right of termination, cancellation, revocation, non-renewal or acceleration or loss of benefit or vesting of any right of any person, in each case, that would be or reasonably could be expected to be adverse to any of the Acquired Companies (upon the exercise of any rights or otherwise), (e) any right to receive any rebate, chargeback, refund, credit or penalty and (f) any payment, compensation or incremental liability (or any right to any payment, compensation or incremental liability).

“Non-Controlled Entity” means any entity in which an Acquired Company owns, directly or indirectly, any Equity Interest other than a Company Subsidiary.

“OFAC” means the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control.

“OFAC License” means a general or specific license or licenses from OFAC authorizing the Parties to participate in and close the Transaction.

“OFAC License Application” means a request for an OFAC License pursuant to 31 CFR § 501.801 or other relevant authority.

“Offering Documents” means prospectuses, private placement memoranda, information memoranda, syndication memoranda and packages and lender and investor presentations in each case to the extent the same are customary and required in connection with the Debt Financing.

“Order” means any order, injunction, judgment, decree, ruling, writ, assessment or arbitration award of a Governmental Body, other than the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

“Ordinary Course” means the ordinary and usual course of day-to-day operations of the Acquired Companies and/or the Non-Controlled Entities (as applicable), in each case, consistent with past practice, taken as a whole.

“Organizational Documents” means the charter, memorandum, certificate of incorporation, articles of association, bylaws, partnership agreements, limited liability company agreement, operating agreement, or other similar document of a Person, as may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Paying Agent Account” means the deposit account established by the Paying Agent pursuant to the terms of the Paying Agent Agreement for the benefit of the Claimholders.

“PCI DSS” means the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard, issued by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council, as revised from time to time.

“Permit” means all permits, licenses, approvals, certifications, consents, registrations, variances, exemptions, waivers, Orders, franchises and other authorizations of any Governmental Body.

“Permitted Liens” means (a) all defects, exceptions, restrictions, easements, rights of way and encumbrances of record; (b) Liens securing liabilities which are reflected or reserved against in the consolidated balance sheet of the Company prepared in accordance with GAAP to the extent so reflected or reserved; (c) Liens for Taxes not yet due and payable or that are being contested in good faith through appropriate proceedings; (d) landlords’, mechanics’, carriers’, workers’, repairers’ and similar statutory Liens arising or incurred in the Ordinary Course; (e) zoning, building code, entitlement and other land use restrictions and Environmental Laws; (f) title of a lessor under a capital or operating lease, and leases, subleases, and similar transactions in the Ordinary Course; (g) any license, covenant or other right to or under Intellectual Property granted in the Ordinary Course; (h) gaps in the chain of title for Intellectual Property evident from the public records of the Governmental Body maintaining the applications or registrations therefor; (i) Liens set forth in Section 1.1(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedules; (j) the Purported Equity Pledge; (k) Claims or Legal Proceedings seeking to enforce judgments against PDVSA or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela by recovering from the Acquired Companies and (l) such other minor imperfections in title, charges, easements, restrictions and encumbrances which are, individually or aggregate, *de minimis* to the Acquired Companies, taken as a whole.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, Governmental Body or other entity.

“Personal Information” means all information that identifies, could be used to identify or is otherwise related to an individual person or household, including demographic, health, behavioral, biometric, financial, nonpublic, and geolocation information, IP addresses, network and hardware identifiers, employee information, and any other individually identifiable information that is protected under any applicable Privacy Law and Obligation, in addition to any definition for “personal information”, “personal data”, “personally identifiable information”, “protected health information” or any similar term provided by applicable Privacy Laws and Obligations.

“PFAS” stands for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and means any substance which contains at least one fully fluorinated methyl or methylene carbon atom (without any hydrogen (H)/chlorine/bromine/iodine atom attached to it), including any acids, salts, precursors, polymers or derivatives thereof.

“Post-Closing Tax Period” means any taxable period beginning after the Closing Date.

“Preferential Right” means any rights of first refusal, rights of first offer, put or call options, preferential rights to purchase, preemptive rights, change in control, or other similar rights in favor of any Person.

“Procedures Summary” means the procedures described in Section 1.1(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedules.

“Purchase Price” means the Closing Consideration, plus the Deposit Amount, plus the Credit Bid Amount, plus the Advanced Transaction Expenses Amount, plus the Closing Transaction Expenses, plus the Expense Reserve Holdback Amount, plus the Debt Payoff Amount, plus the Termination Fee, plus the Expense Reimbursement Amount.

“Related Claim” means any Legal Proceeding that may be based upon, arise out of or relate to this Agreement or the negotiation, execution, performance, breach, interpretation, construction, validity or enforcement of this Agreement (including any Legal Proceeding based upon, arising out of or related to any representation or warranty made or alleged to be made in or in connection with, or as an inducement to enter into, this Agreement).

“Release” means any actual or threatened releasing, spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, or allowing to escape, leaching, migrating, dumping, abandoning, or disposing into or through the indoor or outdoor environment (including soil, surface water, ground water, land surface, subsurface strata, ambient air, wildlife, plants or other natural resources).

“Representatives” means, with respect to any Person, such Person’s equityholders, partners, members, officers, directors, employees, consultants, agents, attorneys, accountants, advisors, financing sources and other representatives.

“Required Information” means (i) the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and the related audited consolidated statements of income and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, (ii) the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of the last date of each subsequent fiscal quarter, other than the fourth fiscal quarter in any fiscal year, ending after December 31, 2023, and at least forty five (45) days prior to the Closing Date, and the related unaudited condensed consolidated statements of income and cash flows for the three months then ending and for the portion of the year to date and (iii) historical information reasonably requested by the Buyer in the Buyer’s preparation of the pro forma financial statements referred to in Section 6.10(a)(viii) (after giving effect to the proviso thereto), provided, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition or otherwise, nothing herein shall require the Company to provide (or be deemed to require the Special Master to Cause the Company to prepare) any (1) description of all or any portion of the Debt Financing, including any “description of notes,” “plan of distribution” and information customarily provided by investment banks or their counsel or advisors in the preparation of Offering Documents for private placements of non-convertible bonds pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, (2) risk factors relating to, or any description of, all or any component of the financing contemplated thereby, (3) historical financial statements or other information required by Rule 3-05, Rule 3-09, Rule 3-10, Rule 3-16, Rule 13-01 or Rule 13-02 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act; any compensation discussion and analysis or other information required by Item 10, Item 402 and Item

601 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act or XBRL exhibits; or any information regarding executive compensation or related persons related to SEC Release Nos. 33-8732A, 34-54302A and IC-27444A, (4) other information customarily excluded from Offering Documents for private placements of non-convertible high- yield bonds pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act in a “Rule 144A-for-life” offering, (5) consolidating financial statements, separate Subsidiary financial statements, related party disclosures, or any segment information, including any required by FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 280, (6) financial information that the Acquired Companies do not prepare or maintain in the ordinary course of business (other than the historical financial statements and other historical information expressly set forth in the foregoing clauses (i) to (iii)), (7) information not reasonably available to the Acquired Companies under their respective current reporting systems (other than the historical financial statements and other historical information expressly set forth in the foregoing clauses (i) to (iii)) or (8) projections (the information described in this proviso, the “Excluded Information”). Financial statements referred to in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) will be prepared in accordance with GAAP and the unaudited financial statements referred to in clause (ii) will be reviewed by the independent accountants of the Company as provided in the procedures specified by AU-C 930; provided, that no opinion shall be required with respect to such review of such unaudited financial statements. Notwithstanding anything included herein to the contrary, no Required Information shall be required to be provided after the satisfaction of the ten (10) Business Day period referred to in Section 2.2 or the date on which the Debt Financing has been consummated (including if the proceeds of the Debt Financing are placed into escrow upon consummation).

“RRP” means the CITGO Petroleum Corporation Retirement Restoration Plan, as amended.

“Sale Hearing” means the Court’s hearing to consider the Special Master’s motion to approve the Sale Order.

“Sale Order” means an order of the Court substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D, with such changes and modifications reasonably acceptable to the Buyer and the Special Master.

“Sale Process Parties” means, as set forth in Sale Procedures Order, Crystallex International Corporation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, PDVSA, the Company, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, and Phillips Petroleum Company Venezuela Limited and ConocoPhillips Petrozuata B.V.

“Sanctions Target” means (1) any country or territory that is the target of country-wide or territory-wide Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws, which, as of the Topping Bidder SPA Date, are Iran, Cuba, Syria, North Korea, and certain occupied regions of Ukraine, including the Crimea region, the non-government-controlled areas of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson and the so-called Donetsk or Luhansk People’s Republics; (2) a Person that is on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List or any of the other sanctioned persons lists published by OFAC, or any similar list of sanctioned persons issued by the U.S. Department of State; (3) a Person that is located or resident in or organized under the laws of a country or territory that is identified as the subject of country-wide or territory-wide Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws; or (4) an entity that, under applicable Economic Sanctions/Trade Laws, is automatically a target of restrictions or

prohibitions because it is owned or controlled by a country or territory identified in clause (1) or Person in clauses (2) or (3) above.

“Security Incident” means any unauthorized or unlawful access, acquisition, exfiltration, manipulation, erasure, loss, use, or disclosure that compromises the confidentiality, integrity, availability or security of Sensitive Data or the Systems, or that triggers any reporting requirement under any breach notification Law or contractual provision, including any ransomware or denial of service attacks that prevent or materially degrade access to Sensitive Data or the Systems.

“Sensitive Data” means all Personal Information, confidential information, proprietary information, intellectual property, and any other information protected by applicable Law or contract that is collected, maintained, stored, transmitted, used, disclosed, or otherwise processed by, for or on behalf of the Acquired Companies.

“Solvent” means, with respect to any Person as of a particular date, that on such date, such Person and its Subsidiaries (on a consolidated basis) (a) have property with fair value greater than the total amount of their debts and liabilities, contingent (it being understood that the amount of contingent liabilities at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability in the ordinary course), subordinated or otherwise, (b) have assets with present fair salable value not less than the amount that will be required to pay their liability on their debts as they become absolute and matured in the ordinary course, (c) will be able generally to pay their debts and liabilities, subordinated, contingent or otherwise, as they become absolute and matured in the ordinary course, (d) are not engaged in business or a transaction, and are not about to engage in business or a transaction, for which their property would constitute an unreasonably small capital and (e) does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person’s ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they mature.

“Special Master and Company Related Parties” means the Special Master, the Company and each of their respective former, current or future Affiliates and any of their respective former, current or future general or limited partners, equityholders, subsidiaries, members, managers, directors, officers, employees, agents, Affiliates, successors, beneficiaries, heirs and assigns.

“Special Master Transaction Expenses” means, as provided in the Sale Procedures Order and the May Order (in each case as in effect on Execution Date), the Special Master’s compensation and any out-of-pocket costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Special Master in connection with the Transactions for investment bankers, third party consultants, legal counsel and any of his other Representatives or Advisors (as defined in the Sale Procedures Order), which for the avoidance of doubt will include fees and expenses of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Potter Anderson & Carroon LLP, Jenner & Block LLP, Evercore and any other advisors engaged by the Special Master.

“Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List” means the list of blocked persons, specifically designated nationals, specially designated terrorists, specially designated global terrorists, foreign terrorist organizations, specially designated narcotics traffickers, and blocked vessels referenced in Appendix A to 31 CFR Chapter V, as updated and made available at <http://www.treasury.gov/sdn>.

“Specified Debt” means the Debt set forth in Section 1.1(f) of the Company Disclosure Schedules.

“Specified Information” means information furnished by Designated Managers to the Special Master (a) as used in Article IV, with respect to the representations and warranties relating to the Acquired Companies, and (b) as used in Section 6.10, in connection with such covenant.

“Stalking Horse Agreement” means that certain Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 21, 2025, by and among the Stalking Horse Bidder, the Special Master and Red Tree Investments, LLC (solely for the limited purposes set forth therein).

“Stalking Horse Bidder” means Red Tree Acquisitions, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Subsidiary” means, when used with respect to any Person, any other Person, whether incorporated or unincorporated, of which (a) more than fifty percent of the voting securities or other ownership interests is owned by such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries, (b) such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries is a general partner or holds a majority of the voting interests of a partnership or (c) securities or other interests having by their terms ordinary voting power to elect more than fifty percent of the board of directors or others performing similar functions with respect to such corporation or other organization, are directly owned or controlled by such Person or by any one or more of its Subsidiaries.

“Superior Proposal” means a Competing Proposal made by a Person or group of related Persons (other than the Buyer and its Affiliates and, in the case of an Unsolicited Competing Proposal, excluding the buyer under any definitive agreement entered into relating to a Superior Proposal or any Affiliates thereof) on terms that the Special Master determines in good faith, after consultation with the Special Master’s financial and legal advisors and the Sale Process Parties, would constitute a higher or better bid for the Shares based upon the Evaluation Criteria.

“Systems” means the information technology systems, operational technology systems, and infrastructure used, owned, leased or licensed by or for the Acquired Companies, including industrial control systems, software, computer programs (in both source and object code form), servers, databases, firmware, hardware, equipment, networks, record keeping, communications, telecommunications, interfaces, platforms, peripherals and related systems.

“Tax” or “Taxes” means (a) all federal, state, local or foreign taxes, charges, fees, levies or other assessments, including, all net income, excise, stamp, real or personal property, ad valorem, withholding, social security (or similar), unemployment, occupation, use, production, service, service use, license, net worth, payroll, franchise, severance, transfer, recording, employment, premium, windfall profits, environmental, customs duties, capital stock, profits, disability, sales, registration, value added, alternative or add-on minimum, estimated taxes and any other taxes of any kind whatsoever; (b) all interest, penalties, fines and additions to tax imposed in connection with any item described in clause (a) of this definition; and (c) any liability for the payment of any amounts of the type described in clause (a) or (b) as a result of being (or ceasing to be) a member of an affiliated, consolidated, combined, unitary, aggregate or similar group for any period, including pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-6 or any similar applicable Law; and

(d) any liability for the payment of any amounts of the type described in clauses (a)-(c) as a result of being treated as a successor or transferee to any Person (whether by Contract, statute or otherwise), as a result of any secondary liability or as a result of any express or implied obligation to indemnify any other Person.

“Tax Returns” means any return, report, form or similar statement filed or required to be filed with respect to any Tax (including any attached schedules), including, any information return, claim for refund, amended return or declaration of estimated Tax.

“Taxing Authority” means any Governmental Body exercising any authority to impose, assess or collect any Tax or any other authority exercising Tax regulatory authority.

“Termination Fee” means the amount required to be paid to the Stalking Horse Bidder pursuant to and in accordance with Section 8.3 of the Stalking Horse Agreement, which amount shall not exceed \$75,000,000 in the aggregate, of actual and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Stalking Horse Bidder and its Affiliates in connection with the negotiation and execution of the Stalking Horse Agreement, the other transaction documents contemplated thereby and the transactions contemplated thereby (provided that the Stalking Horse Bidder has provided written confirmation of the amount of such expenses), as set forth by the Special Master in the Funds Flow Memorandum.

“Topping Bidder” means Dalinar Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

“Topping Bidder Agreement” means that certain Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 25, 2025 (the “Topping Bidder SPA Date”), by and between the Topping Bidder and the Special Master.

“Transaction Documents” means this Agreement, the Sale Order, the Escrow Agreement, the Paying Agent Agreement, the Debt Commitment Letters, the Equity Commitment Letters, and all other agreements and instruments to be executed by the Buyer, the Special Master and/or the Company at or prior to the Closing pursuant to this Agreement.

“Transactions” means the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.

“Transfer Taxes” means any real property transfer, sales, use, value added, stamp, documentary, recording, registration, conveyance, stock transfer, intangible property transfer, personal property transfer, gross receipts, registration, duty, securities transactions or similar fees or Taxes or governmental charges (together with any interest or penalty, addition to Tax or additional amount imposed) as levied by any Taxing Authority or other Governmental Body in connection with the Transactions, including any payments made in lieu of any such Taxes or governmental charges that become payable in connection with the Transactions.

“Treasury Regulations” means the regulations promulgated under the Code.

“VDR” means the virtual data room established by Representatives of the Special Master to facilitate the provisions of information to potential bidders pursuant to the Sale Procedures Order.

“2020 Bonds” means the 8.50% senior secured notes due in 2020 in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,367,529,000, issued by PDVSA pursuant to the Indenture.

“2020 Bondholders” means the holders of the 2020 Bonds.

## FIRST AMENDMENT TO STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This AMENDMENT TO STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this “**Amendment**”), dated as of November 13, 2025 (the “**Amendment Date**”), is entered into by and between Amber MSub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Buyer**”) and Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as the special master (the “**Special Master**” and, together with the Buyer, the “**Parties**” and each a “**Party**”) for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “**Court**”). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Purchase Agreement (as defined below).

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties previously entered into that certain Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 19, 2025 (the “**Purchase Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9.7 of the Purchase Agreement, the Parties hereto desire to amend the Purchase Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements, provisions and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as set forth below.

1. **Amendment.** The Purchase Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

(a) Section 2.3(a)(i) of the Purchase Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“(i) **Affirmation.** An affirmation, executed by the Special Master, stating that the Special Master has used reasonable best efforts to cause a duly appointed officer of the Company at the level of Vice President or above to confirm the satisfaction of the condition set forth in Section 7.2(a) as of the Closing Date (other than to the extent such condition refers to (x) the first and last sentences of Section 4.1(b) and (y) Section 4.1(c)).”

(b) Section 6.1(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules is hereby amended to include the following disclosure:

“(xvi)

1. Distributions between or among the Company and the Company Subsidiaries for the purpose of enabling an Acquired Company to pay documented, out-of-pocket fees, costs and expenses owing by an Acquired Company to an un-Affiliated third party, when and to the extent actually incurred and due and payable, in connection with either (i) any Acquired Company’s objection to, or proposal of an alternative to, the Transactions, or (ii) regulatory compliance, taxes and insurance, in each case under this clause (ii), on behalf of an Acquired Company and to the extent consistent with past practices.”

(c) Section 6.3(a) of the Purchase Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“(a) Each of the Parties shall, if required by applicable Law, within thirty (30) calendar days following the date hereof, file or supply, or in the case of the Special Master Cause to be filed or supplied, in connection with the Transactions, all notifications and information required to be filed or supplied pursuant to the HSR Act. Each of the Parties shall request early termination of the waiting period under the HSR Act, if available. The Parties shall (and the Special Master shall Cause the Acquired Companies to), as soon as reasonably practicable following the date hereof (and in any event no later than November 7, 2025), file or supply, or cause to be filed or supplied in connection with the Transactions, all filings and submissions required under any relevant Laws, including Antitrust Laws (other than the HSR Act). The Buyer acknowledges and agrees that it shall pay and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all fees, costs, expenses and other charges in connection with compliance with this Section 6.3 (including filing fees).”

(d) Section 6.19 of the Purchase Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“(a) Nothing in this Agreement will be deemed to prohibit the Buyer from (i) implementing bonus plans for key employees of the Acquired Companies as incentives for compliance with the covenants set forth in Section 6.1 of this Agreement and the covenants and agreements as set forth in Section 6.19(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, and (ii) communicating such bonus plans to affected employees following the Sale Order Entry.

(b) Any action taken in good faith, and solely to the extent necessary, to avoid violating (or avoid actions that would be inconsistent with) fiduciary duties as advised by legal counsel shall not be deemed to constitute non-compliance by management for purposes of determining whether the conditions for payment of any such bonuses described in Section 6.19(a) above have been satisfied.”

(e) Section 7.1(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedules is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as set forth in Exhibit A attached to this Amendment.

2. **Effect of Amendment.** Except to the extent specifically modified herein, the Purchase Agreement shall continue in full force and effect, enforceable in accordance with its terms. Except as expressly set forth herein, this Amendment is not a consent to any waiver or modification of any other terms or conditions of the Purchase Agreement or any of the instruments or documents referred to in the Purchase Agreement and shall not prejudice any right or rights which the parties thereto may now or hereafter have under or in connection with the Purchase Agreement or any of the instruments or documents referred to therein. After the date hereof, any reference to the Purchase Agreement shall mean the Purchase Agreement as amended hereby.

3. **Governing Law.** This Amendment shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the internal Laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any Laws (whether

of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware and without regard to any borrowing statute that would result in the application of the statutes of limitations or repose of any other jurisdiction. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Laws of the State of Delaware will control even if under such jurisdiction's choice of law or conflict of law analysis, the substantive or procedural law of some other jurisdiction would ordinarily or necessarily apply.

4. **Counterparts.** This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts (including by electronic transmission), each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

5. **Incorporation by Reference.** Article I (*Definitions and Interpretive Matters*), Section 9.4 (*Dispute Resolution; Consent to Jurisdiction*), Section 9.5 (*Consent to Service of Process; Waiver of Jury*), Section 9.6 (*Entire Agreement*) as modified to contemplate this Amendment, Section 9.7 (*Amendments and Waivers*), Section 9.8 (*Notices*), Section 9.9 (*Severability*), Section 9.10 (*Binding Effect; Assignment*), Section 9.11 (*No Third Party Beneficiaries*), Section 9.12 (*No Recourse*), Section 9.13 (*Specific Performance*), Section 9.14 (*Successors and Assigns*) and Section 9.18 (*Special Master and his Representatives' Judicial Immunity*) of the Purchase Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, *mutatis mutandis*.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

**BUYER:**

**AMBER MSUB LLC**



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Elliot Greenberg

Title: Vice President

**ROBERT B. PINCUS, AS THE SPECIAL  
MASTER:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

**BUYER:**

**AMBER MSUB LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROBERT B. PINCUS, AS THE SPECIAL MASTER:**

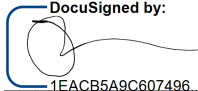
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Name: Robert B. Pincus  
Title: Special Master

Exhibit A

Section 7.1

**Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of the Parties**

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1. Approval pursuant to the HSR Act.
2. Further to a pre-closing notification, the competent Mexican merger control authority shall have (i) approved the Transaction or otherwise issued a favorable written resolution or (ii) issued a no objection letter or equivalent after the applicable waiting period expired without the competent authority taking a decision and the transaction is deemed to be approved by virtue of the applicable legislation.
3. Further to a pre-closing notification, the Moroccan Competition Council shall have (i) issued a decision allowing the parties to proceed with the transaction (clearance), or (ii) a decision that no clearance of the transaction by the Moroccan Competition Council is required, or (iii) lapse of the statutory review period as may be extended pursuant to applicable law without the Moroccan Competition Council issuing a decision on the transaction pursuant to the Moroccan Competition Law, Law No. 104-12 as amended, and its implementing decree, Decree No. 2-14-652 as amended.
4. Further to a pre-closing notification, the European Commission shall have (i) approved the Transaction, or (ii) rendered a decision that no approvals, authorisations, consents, waivers or clearances are required under applicable competition Law to effect Closing, or (iii) failed to render a decision within the statutory review period as may be extended pursuant to applicable law. In case the Transaction is referred to a competent competition authority of an EU or EFTA member state, or more than one such competent authority, such authority shall have (i) approved the Transaction, or (ii) rendered a decision that no approvals, authorisations, consents, waivers or clearances are required under applicable competition Law to effect Closing, or (iii) failed to render a decision within the statutory review period as may be extended pursuant to applicable law provided such failure is considered to result in the Transaction deemed cleared under applicable competition Law.
5. Further to a pre-closing notification, the Turkish Competition Authority shall have (i) approved the Transaction, or (ii) rendered a decision that no approvals, authorisations, consents, waivers or clearances are required under applicable competition Law to effect Closing, or (iii) failed to render a decision within the statutory review period as may be extended pursuant to applicable law provided such failure is considered to result in the Transaction deemed cleared under applicable competition Law.

## SECOND AMENDMENT TO STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This SECOND AMENDMENT TO STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this “*Second Amendment*”), dated as of November 20, 2025 (the “*Amendment Date*”), is entered into by and between Amber MSub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“*Buyer*”) and Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as the special master (the “*Special Master*” and, together with the Buyer, the “*Parties*” and each a “*Party*”) for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “*Court*”). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Second Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Purchase Agreement (as defined below).

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties previously entered into that certain Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 19, 2025, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Stock Purchase Agreement, dated November 13, 2025 (the “*Purchase Agreement*”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9.7 of the Purchase Agreement, the Parties hereto desire to amend the Purchase Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements, provisions and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as set forth below.

1. **Amendment.** The Purchase Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

(a) Section 6.19 of the Purchase Agreement is hereby amended and deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: “**Intentionally Omitted.**”.

(b) Section 6.19(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules is hereby amended and deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: “**Intentionally Omitted.**”.

2. **Effect of Amendment.** Except to the extent specifically modified herein, the Purchase Agreement shall continue in full force and effect, enforceable in accordance with its terms. Except as expressly set forth herein, this Second Amendment is not a consent to any waiver or modification of any other terms or conditions of the Purchase Agreement or any of the instruments or documents referred to in the Purchase Agreement and shall not prejudice any right or rights which the parties thereto may now or hereafter have under or in connection with the Purchase Agreement or any of the instruments or documents referred to therein. After the date hereof, any reference to the Purchase Agreement shall mean the Purchase Agreement as amended hereby.

3. **Governing Law.** This Second Amendment shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the internal Laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any Laws (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware and without regard to any borrowing statute that would result in the application of the statutes of limitations or repose of any other jurisdiction. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Laws of the State of Delaware will control even if under such jurisdiction’s choice of law or conflict of law analysis, the substantive or procedural law of some other jurisdiction would ordinarily or necessarily apply.

4. **Counterparts.** This Second Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts (including by electronic transmission), each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.


5. **Incorporation by Reference.** Article I (*Definitions and Interpretive Matters*), Section 9.4 (*Dispute Resolution; Consent to Jurisdiction*), Section 9.5 (*Consent to Service of Process; Waiver of Jury*), Section 9.6 (*Entire Agreement*) as modified to contemplate this Second Amendment, Section 9.7 (*Amendments and Waivers*), Section 9.8 (*Notices*), Section 9.9 (*Severability*), Section 9.10 (*Binding Effect; Assignment*), Section 9.11 (*No Third Party Beneficiaries*), Section 9.12 (*No Recourse*), Section 9.13 (*Specific Performance*), Section 9.14 (*Successors and Assigns*) and Section 9.18 (*Special Master and his Representatives' Judicial Immunity*) of the Purchase Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, *mutatis mutandis*.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Second Amendment to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

**BUYER:**

**AMBER MSUB LLC**



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Elliot Greenberg

Title: Vice President

**ROBERT B. PINCUS, AS THE SPECIAL  
MASTER:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

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**BUYER:**

**AMBER MSUB LLC**

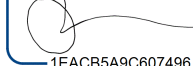
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**ROBERT B. PINCUS, AS THE SPECIAL  
MASTER:**

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Name: Robert B. Pincus

Title: Special Master

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**COMPANY DISCLOSURE SCHEDULES**

**TO THE**

**STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

by and among

AMBER MSUB LLC

**and**

ROBERT B. PINCUS,

solely in his capacity as the Special Master for the United States District Court for the District of Delaware

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Dated as of September 19, 2025

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## COMPANY DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE

This Company Disclosure Schedule (this “Disclosure Schedule”) is being delivered pursuant to and forms part of that certain Stock Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”), dated as of September 19, 2025 by and between Amber MSub LLC (“Buyer”), and Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as special master (the “Special Master”) for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement. The representations and warranties set forth in Article IV of the Agreement are made and given subject to this Disclosure Schedule.

This Disclosure Schedule is being provided under an order of the Court in the Specified Litigation pursuant to the Sale Procedures Order. The Transactions are being compelled by the Court. Neither the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, nor its subsidiary entities, PDVSA or PDV Holding, Inc. (the “Company”), have approved or endorsed the Transactions and all of the representations, warranties and covenants set forth in the Agreement are qualified in their entirety by such fact. The foregoing disclosure is deemed disclosed against each section of this Disclosure Schedule.

The disclosure of any matter in any section of this Disclosure Schedule of any facts or circumstances shall be deemed to be an adequate response and disclosure of such facts or circumstances with respect to all representations or warranties calling for disclosure of such information, if it is reasonably apparent from a disclosure item or the documentation referenced that another disclosure section is also applicable. The disclosure of any matter or item in any schedule shall not be deemed to constitute an acknowledgement that any such matter is required to be disclosed. The inclusion of any matter, information or item in any section of this Disclosure Schedule shall not be deemed to constitute an admission of any liability by the Special Master or the Company to any third party or otherwise imply, that any such matter, information or item is material or creates a measure for materiality for the purposes of the Agreement. The disclosure of any Contract will be deemed modified by any subsequent amendments thereto.

In no event shall the listing of any matter in this Disclosure Schedule be deemed or interpreted to expand the scope of the representations, warranties and/or covenants relating to the Special Master or the Company that are set forth in the Agreement.

Headings have been inserted herein for convenience of reference only and are not in lieu of their respective definitions in the Agreement, and will not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Disclosure Schedule. All information and disclosures contained herein are made as of the date of the Agreement and their accuracy is confirmed only as of that date and not at any time thereafter, except as otherwise provided in the Agreement.

**Section 1.1(d)**

**Permitted Liens**

1. Liens on metals and the right to receive metals arising out of any transaction in the Ordinary Course relating to the sale and/or use of precious metals or other catalyst necessary or useful for the operation of refinery assets of the Acquired Companies in the Ordinary Course; provided that such Liens do not encumber assets other than the catalyst and the related metals and the proceeds of the foregoing.
2. Liens on equipment of the Acquired Companies granted in the Ordinary Course.
3. Liens securing the obligations under the Indenture, dated as of February 11, 2021, among CITGO Petroleum Corporation, as Issuer, the Guarantors party thereto and Argent Institutional Trust Company (as successor to TMI Trust Company), as Trustee (as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 30, 2023, among CITGO Petroleum Corporation, as Issuer, the Guarantors party thereto and Argent Institutional Trust Company (as successor to TMI Trust Company), as Trustee) ("2021 Indenture").
4. Liens securing the obligations under the Indenture, dated as of September 20, 2023 among CITGO Petroleum Corporation, as Issuer, the Guarantors party thereto and Argent Institutional Trust Company, as Trustee (as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 30, 2023 among CITGO Petroleum Corporation, as Issuer, the Guarantors party thereto and Argent Institutional Trust Company, as Trustee) ("2023 Indenture").
5. Liens securing the obligations under the Loan Agreement by and between Gulf Coast Industrial Development Authority, as Issuer, and CITGO Petroleum Corporation, dated as of April 1, 1998 ("1998 Loan Agreement").
6. Liens securing the obligations under the Loan Agreement between Illinois Development Finance Authority, as Issuer, and CITGO Petroleum Corporation, dated as of June 1, 2002 ("2002 Loan Agreement").
7. Liens securing the obligations under the Receivables Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 18, 2020, among CITGO AR2008 Funding Company, LLC, as the Seller, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, as the Servicer, the various purchasers and purchaser agents from time to time party thereto, and Barclays Bank PLC, as Program Administrator (as amended by that certain Amendment No. 1 to Receivables Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2021, that certain Amendment No. 2 dated as of September 20, 2022, that certain Amendment No. 3 dated as of April 15, 2024 and that certain Amendment No. 4, dated as of September 5, 2024 (the "Receivables Purchase Agreement").
8. Liens securing the obligations under the Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of December 18, 2022, among CITGO AR2008 Funding Company, LLC, as Purchaser, and CITGO Petroleum Corporation, as Seller (as amended by that certain Amendment No. 1 to

Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of September 20, 2022 and that certain Amendment No. 2 to Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 15, 2024, the “Purchase and Sale Agreement”).

9. Pledges or deposits in the ordinary course of business in connection with (i) workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation, other than any Lien imposed by ERISA, and (ii) public utility services provided to the Acquired Companies.
10. Deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts and leases (other than Indebtedness), and leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, in each case, incurred in the Ordinary Course.
11. Liens (i) of a collecting bank arising under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code on items in the course of collection, and (ii) in favor of a banking institution arising as a matter of law encumbering deposits (including the right of setoff) that are customary in the banking industry.
12. Liens securing the obligations under the Master Reimbursement Agreement, dated as of December 6, 2024, between CITGO Petroleum Corporation and Barclays Bank PLC, as the Bank (the “Master Reimbursement Agreement”), not to exceed an aggregate face amount of \$200.0 million at any one time.

**Section 1.1(e)**

**Procedures Summary**

1. To be provided under separate cover.

**Section 1.1(f)**

**Specified Debt**



**Section 4.1**

**Corporate Existence; Title to Shares**

**(a)**

1. None.

**(b)**

1. None.

**Section 4.2**

**Governmental Authorization**

1. All notifications and information required to be filed or supplied pursuant to the HSR Act.

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**Capitalization**

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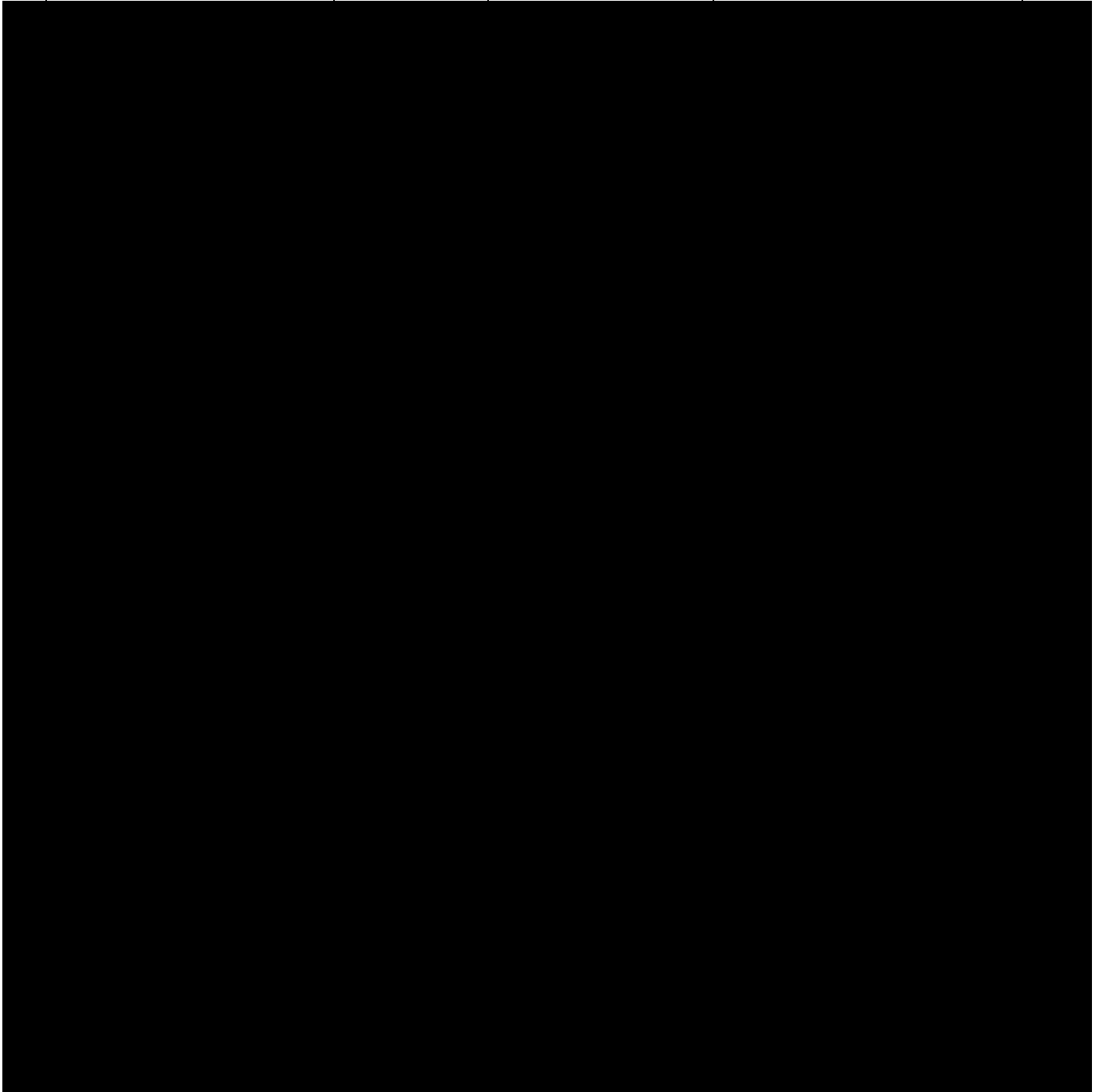
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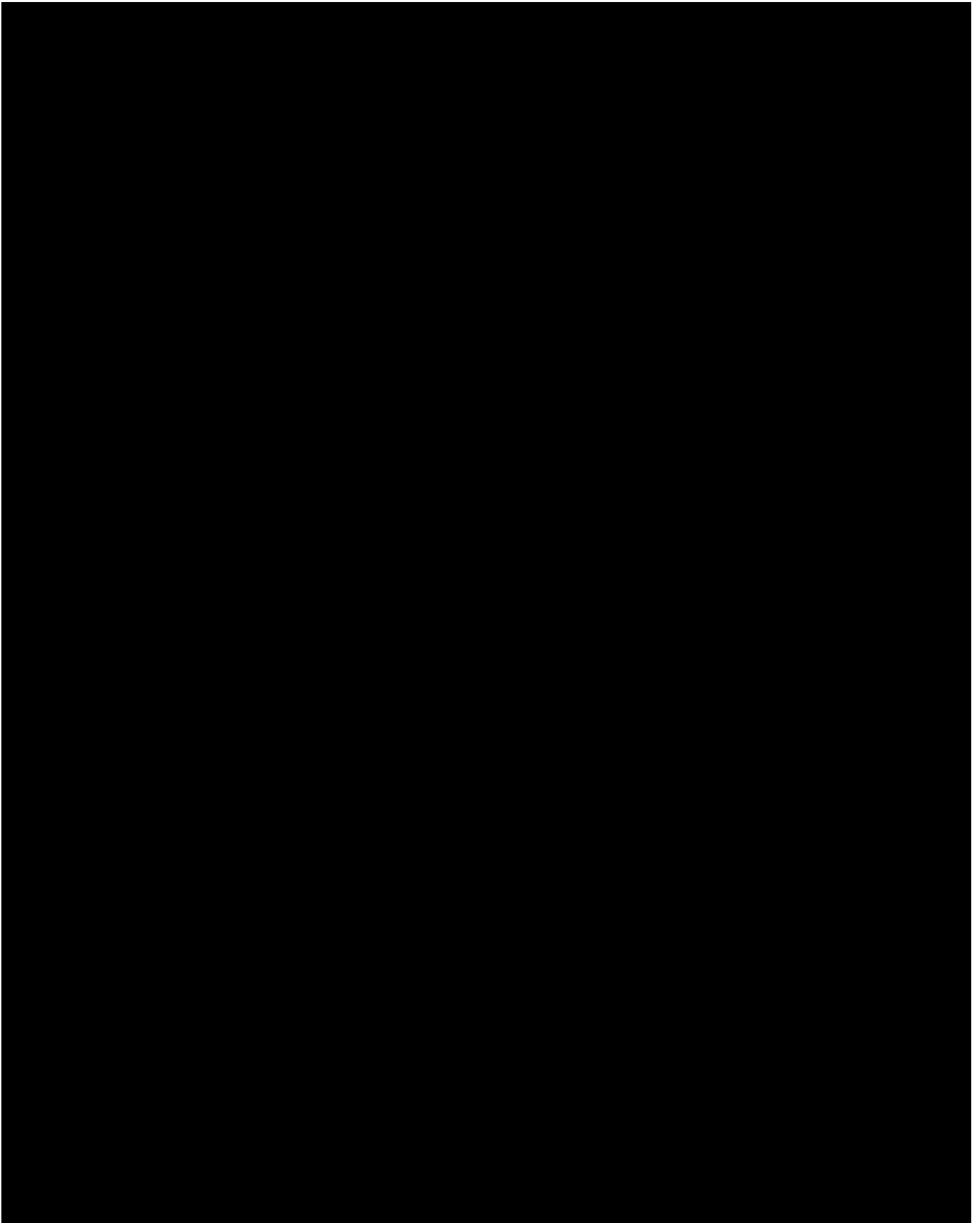
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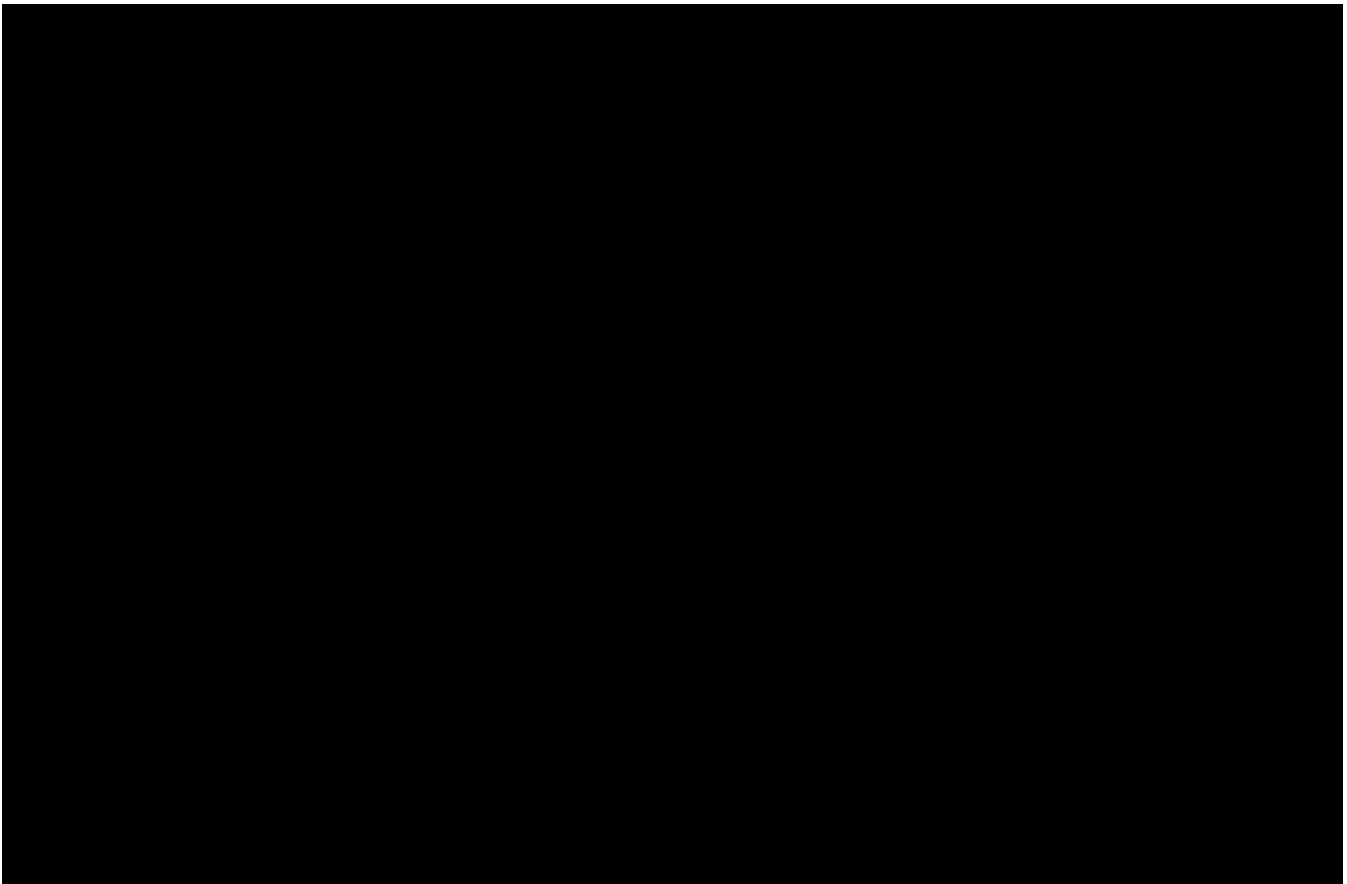
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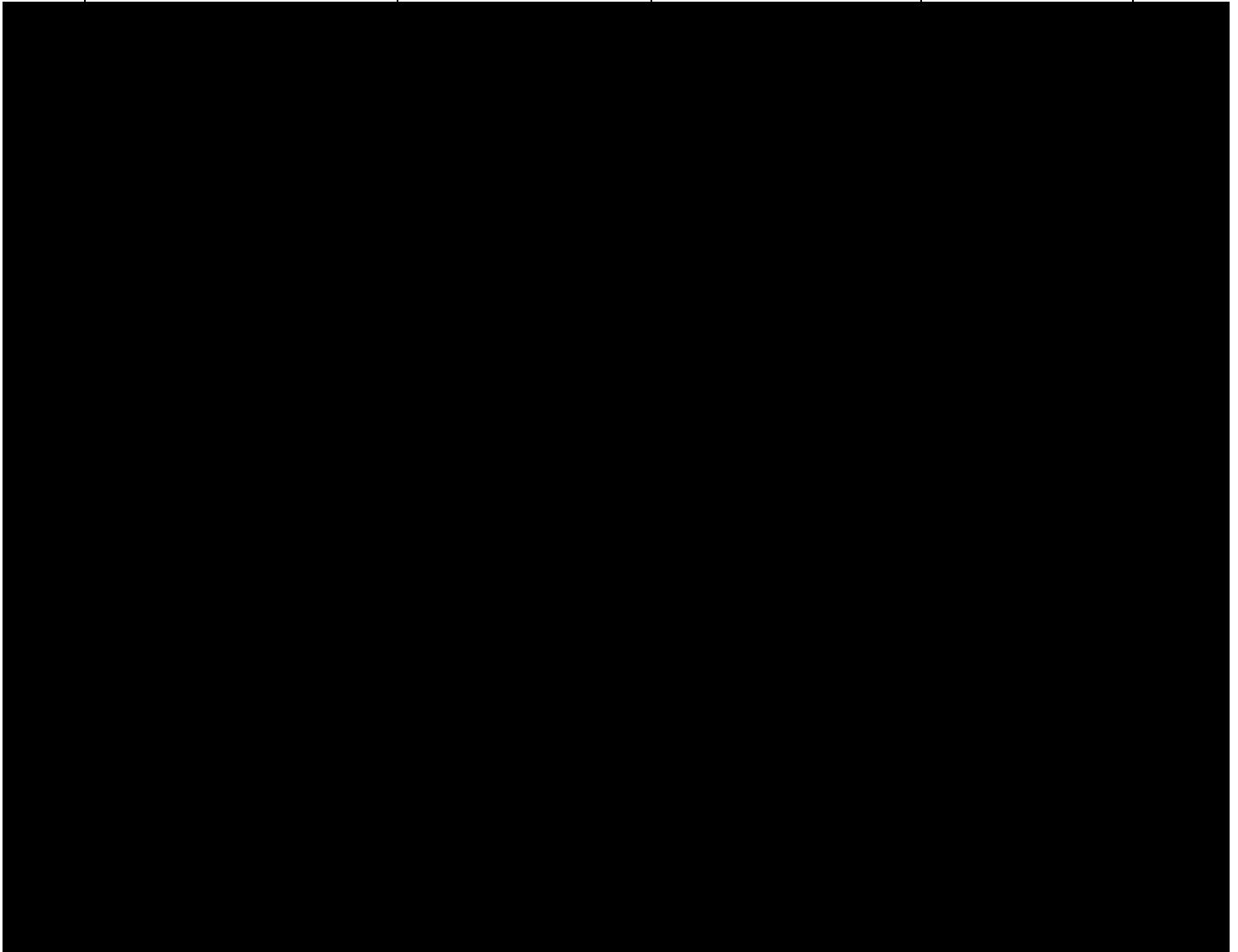
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**Section 4.6**

**Financial Statements**

**(a)**

1. See attached.

**(b)**

1. None.

**Section 4.7**

**Absence of Certain Changes**

**(a)**

1. [REDACTED]

**(b)**

1. None.

**(c)**

1. None.

**Section 4.8**

**No Undisclosed Material Liabilities**

**(a)**

1. None.

**(b)**

1. None.

**(c)**

1. None.

**(d)**

1. None.

**(e)**

1. None.

## **Section 4.9**

### **Legal Proceedings**

1. See Exhibit 4.9 attached hereto. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in Exhibit 4.9 will be deemed to broaden the scope of the representations and warranties included in Article IV of the Agreement and no Person makes any representations or warranties with respect to any detail provided beyond the scope of such representations and warranties.<sup>2</sup>
2. Items listed in Sections 4.12 and 4.14 of the Company Disclosure Schedules are incorporated herein by reference. To the extent other matters described, listed or contained within the Company Disclosures Schedules are “Legal Proceedings” they are incorporated as if set forth fully herein.

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<sup>2</sup> **Note to Draft:** To include all unresolved matters listed on the Material Litigation and Claims Tracker

**Section 4.10**

**Taxes**

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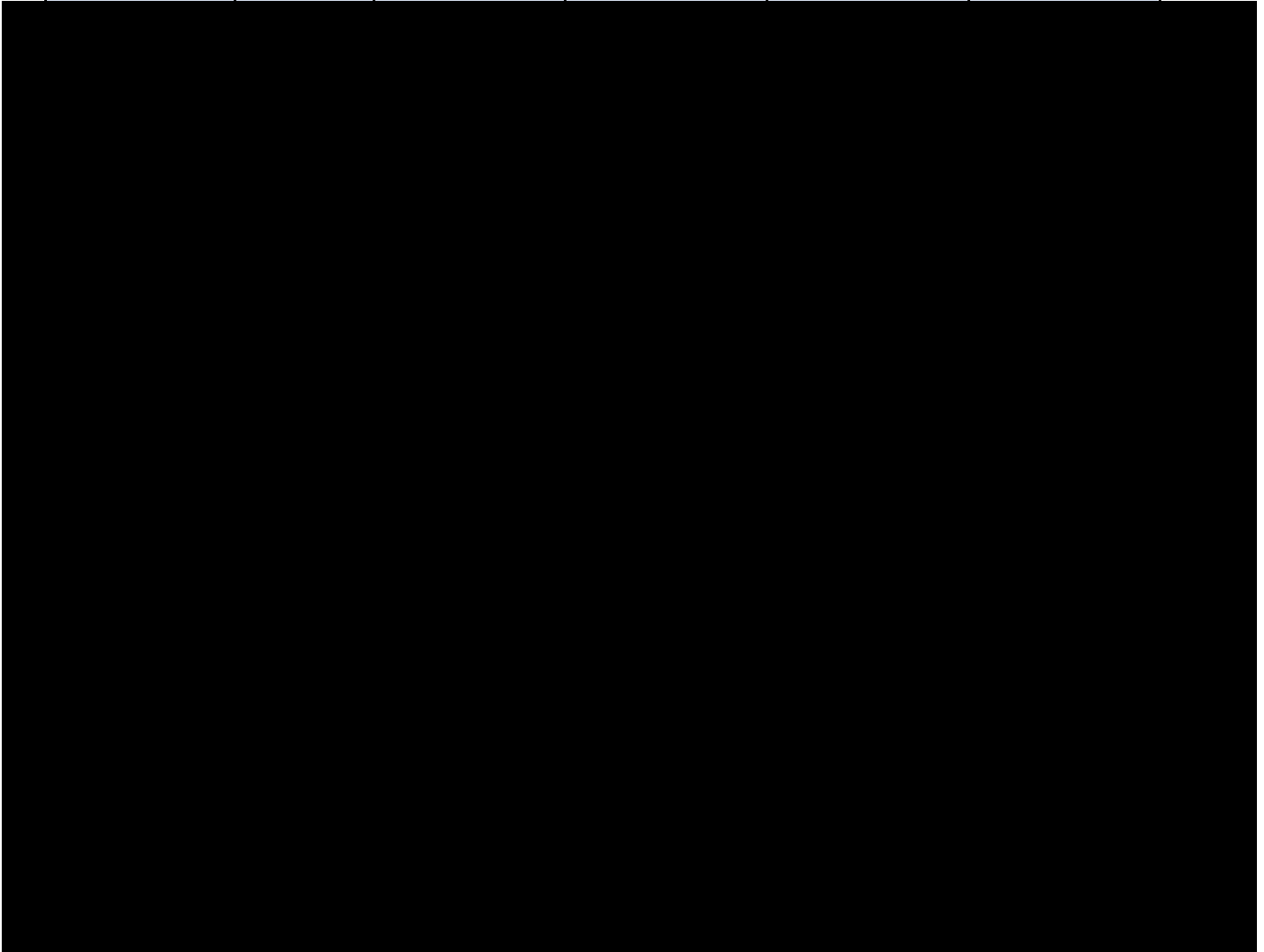
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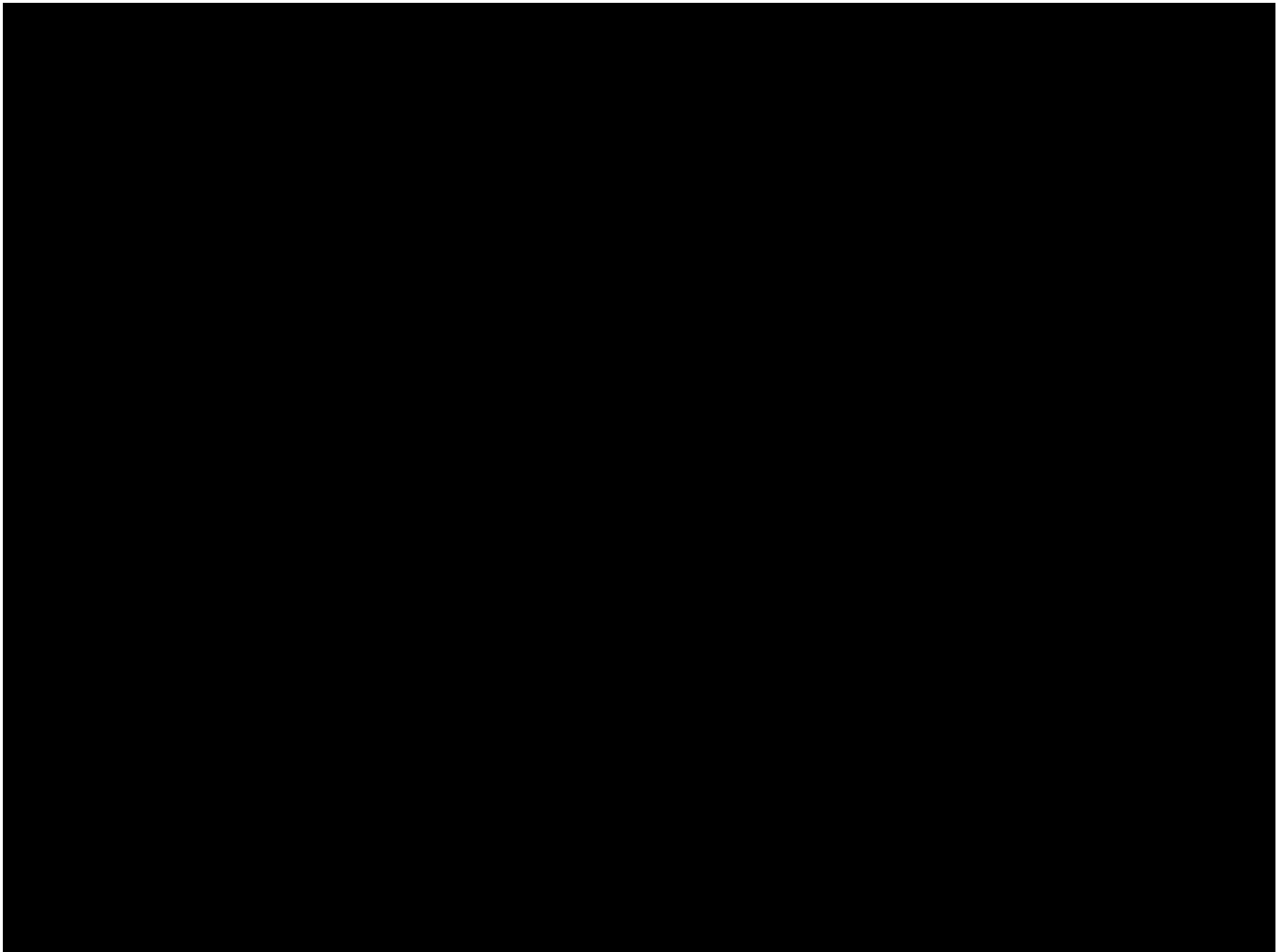
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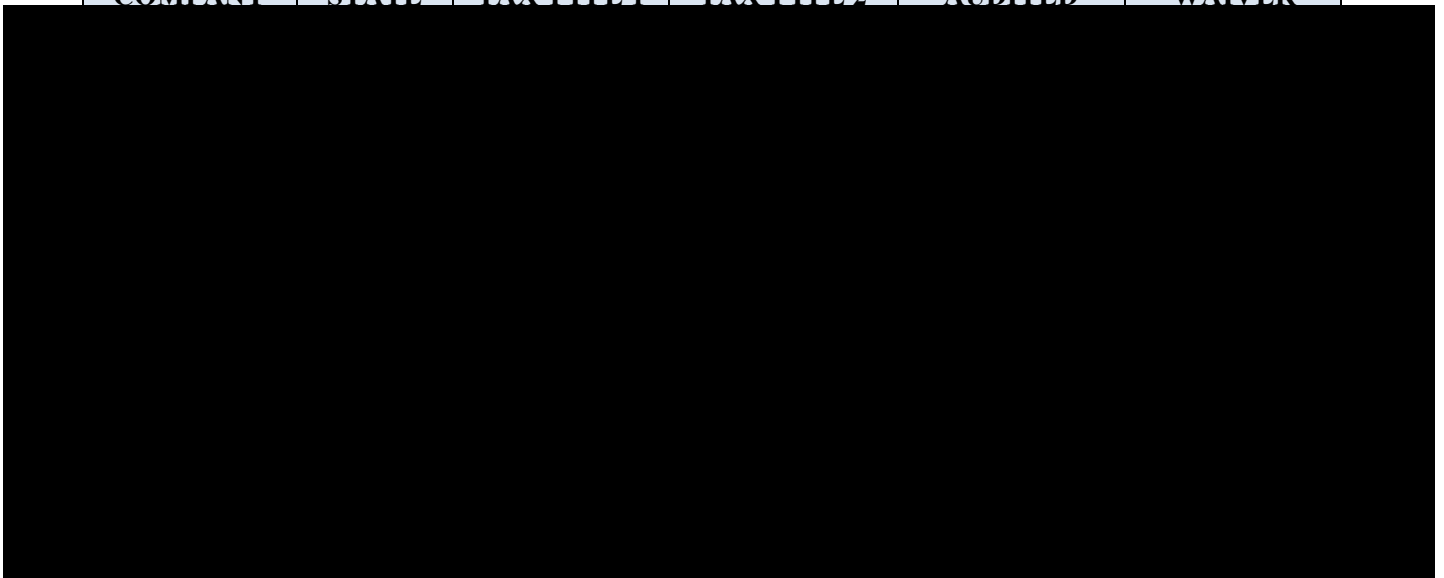
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**(f)**

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## Section 4.11

## Company Benefit Plans; Employment

**(a)**

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Category	Should Take Action (%)	Should Not Take Action (%)
All respondents	85	15
Age		
18-29	88	12
30-49	85	15
50-69	82	18
70+	78	22
Gender		
Male	83	17
Female	87	13
Education		
High school or less	80	20
Some college	85	15
Bachelor's or higher	88	12

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**Section 4.12**

**Compliance with Laws; Permits**

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1. Items 1, 2, and 4 listed on Section 4.14 of the Company Disclosure Schedules and Item 1 listed on Section 4.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedules are incorporated herein by reference.

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1. Items 1, 2, and 4 listed on Section 4.14 and Item 1 listed on Section 4.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedules are incorporated herein by reference.

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**Section 4.13**

**Regulatory Matters**

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1. Items listed on Section 4.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedules are incorporated herein by reference.

**(b)**

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1. None.

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2. Items listed on Section 4.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedules are incorporated herein by reference.

**(c)**

1. Items listed on Section 4.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedules are incorporated herein by reference.

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## Section 4.14

### **Environmental Matters**

1. See Exhibit 4.14A attached hereto.<sup>3</sup>
2. See Exhibit 4.14B attached hereto.<sup>4</sup>
3. Item 1 listed on Section 4.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedules is incorporated herein by reference. Items 2-27 listed on Section 4.12(a) and Item 2 listed on Section 4.12(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules are incorporated herein by reference.
4. **Updates since the SLR Report:**

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<sup>3</sup> **Note to Draft:** the SLR Environmental, Health and Safety Due Diligence Assessment will be attached as an exhibit (VDR #1.4.18.1).

<sup>4</sup> **Note to Draft:** the current ECL report (VDR #1.4.13.57) will be attached as an exhibit.

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**Section 4.15**

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**Section 4.16**

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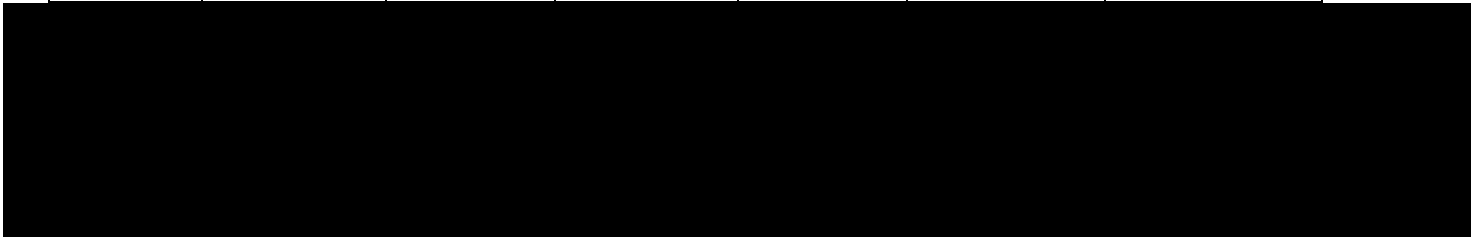
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**Intellectual Property and Data Privacy**

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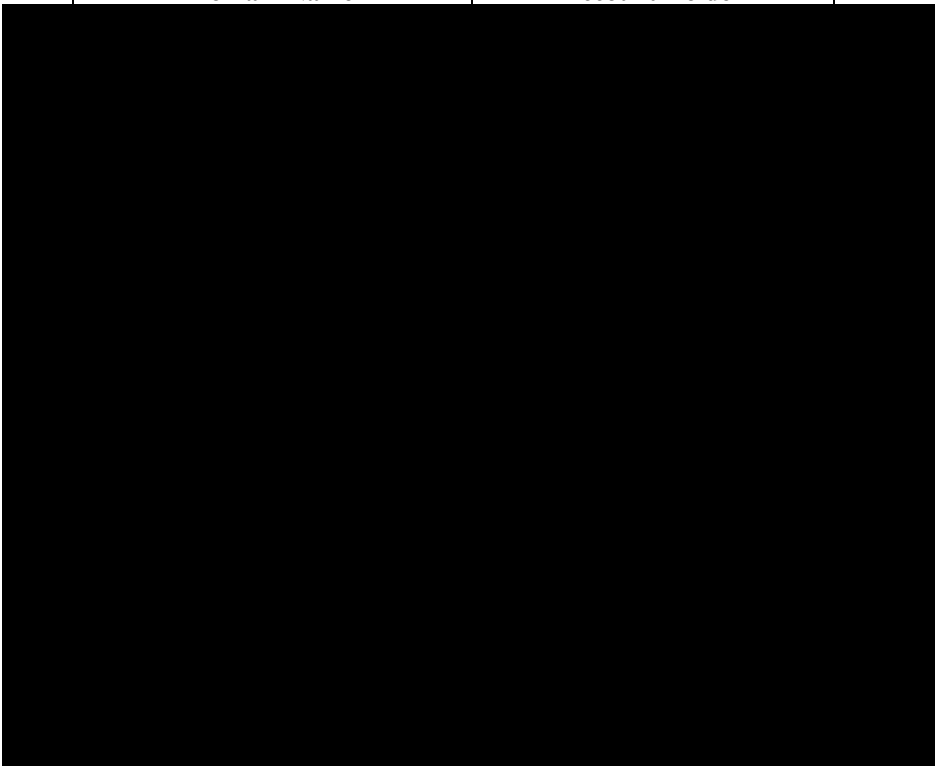


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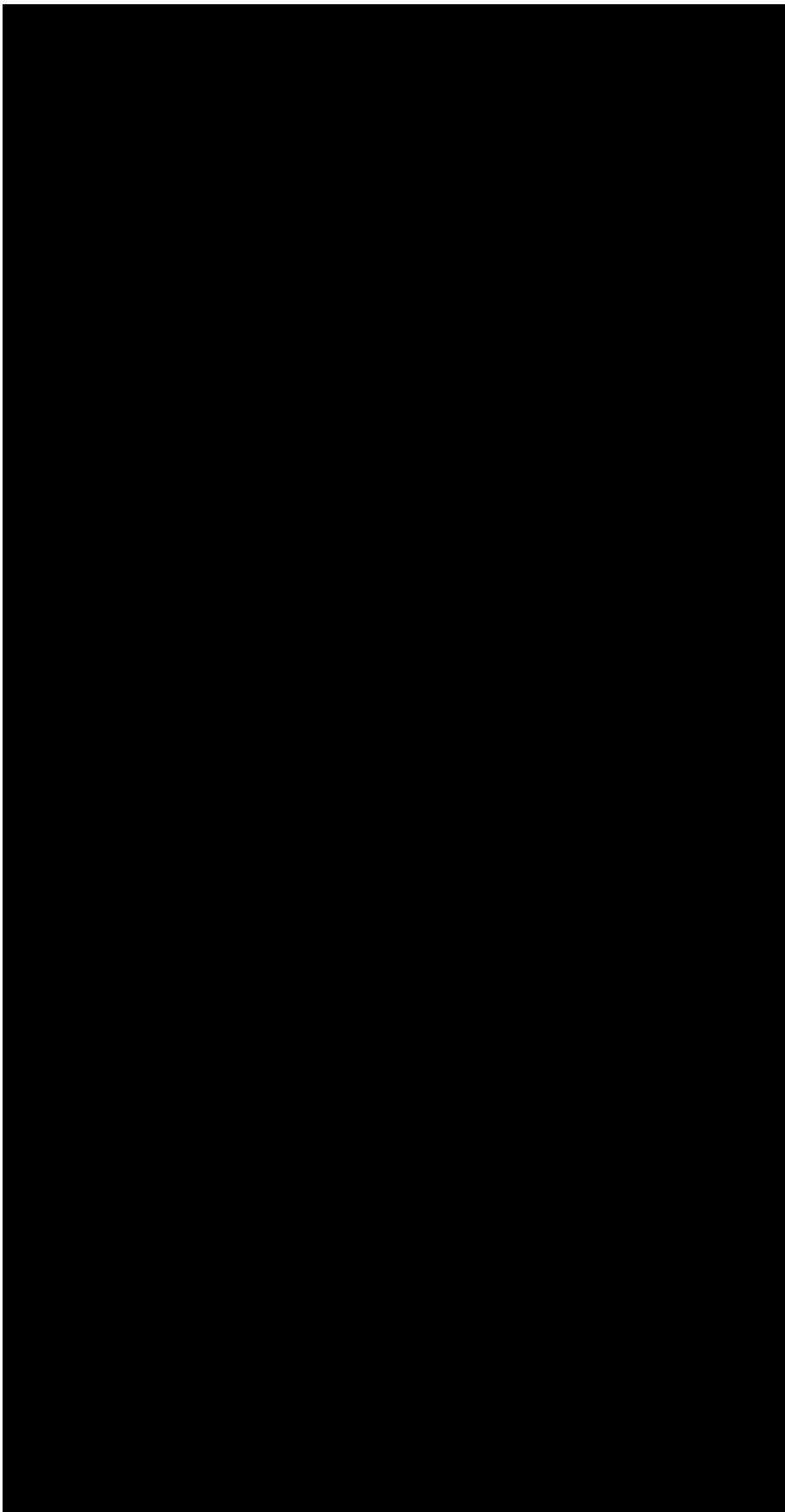
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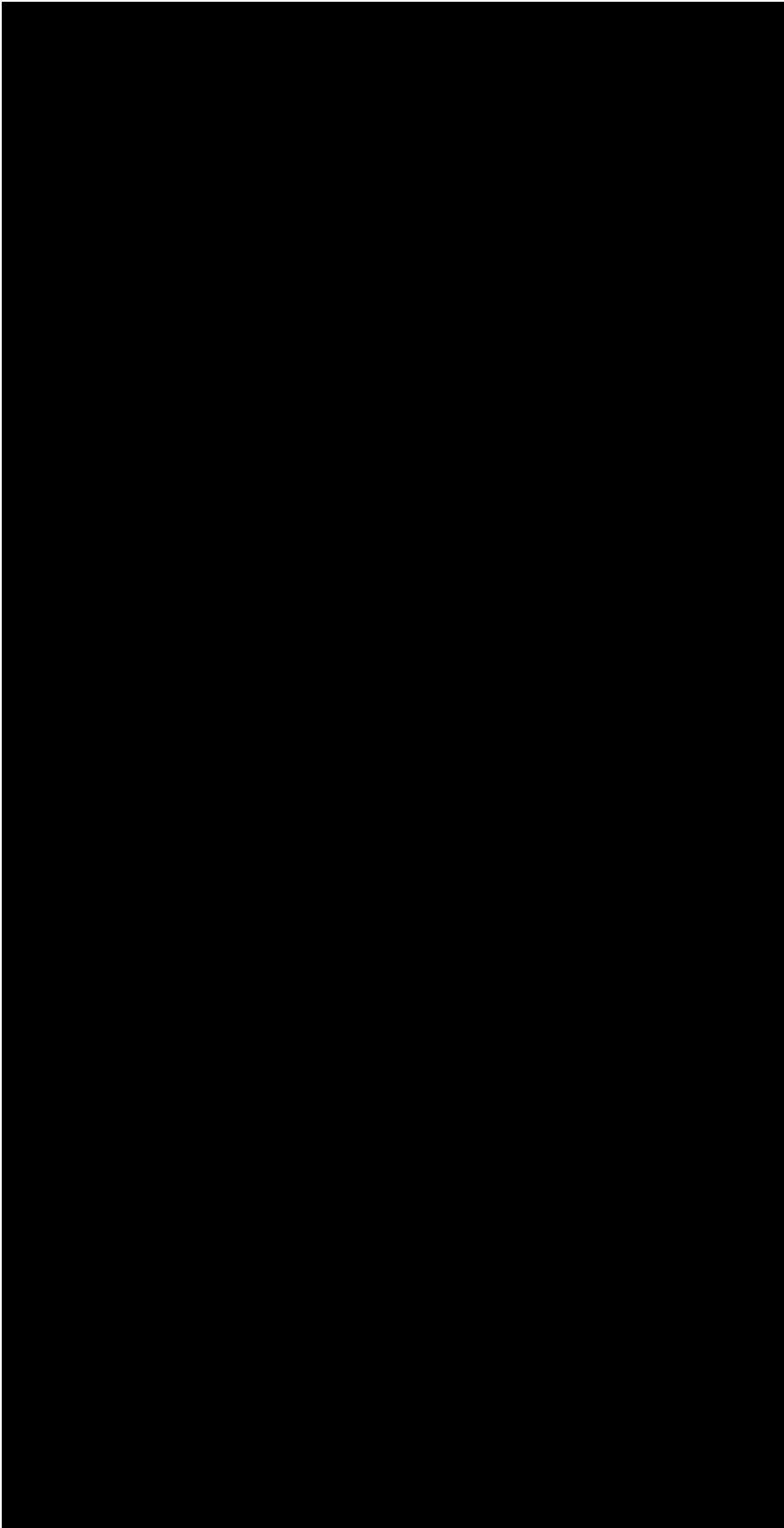
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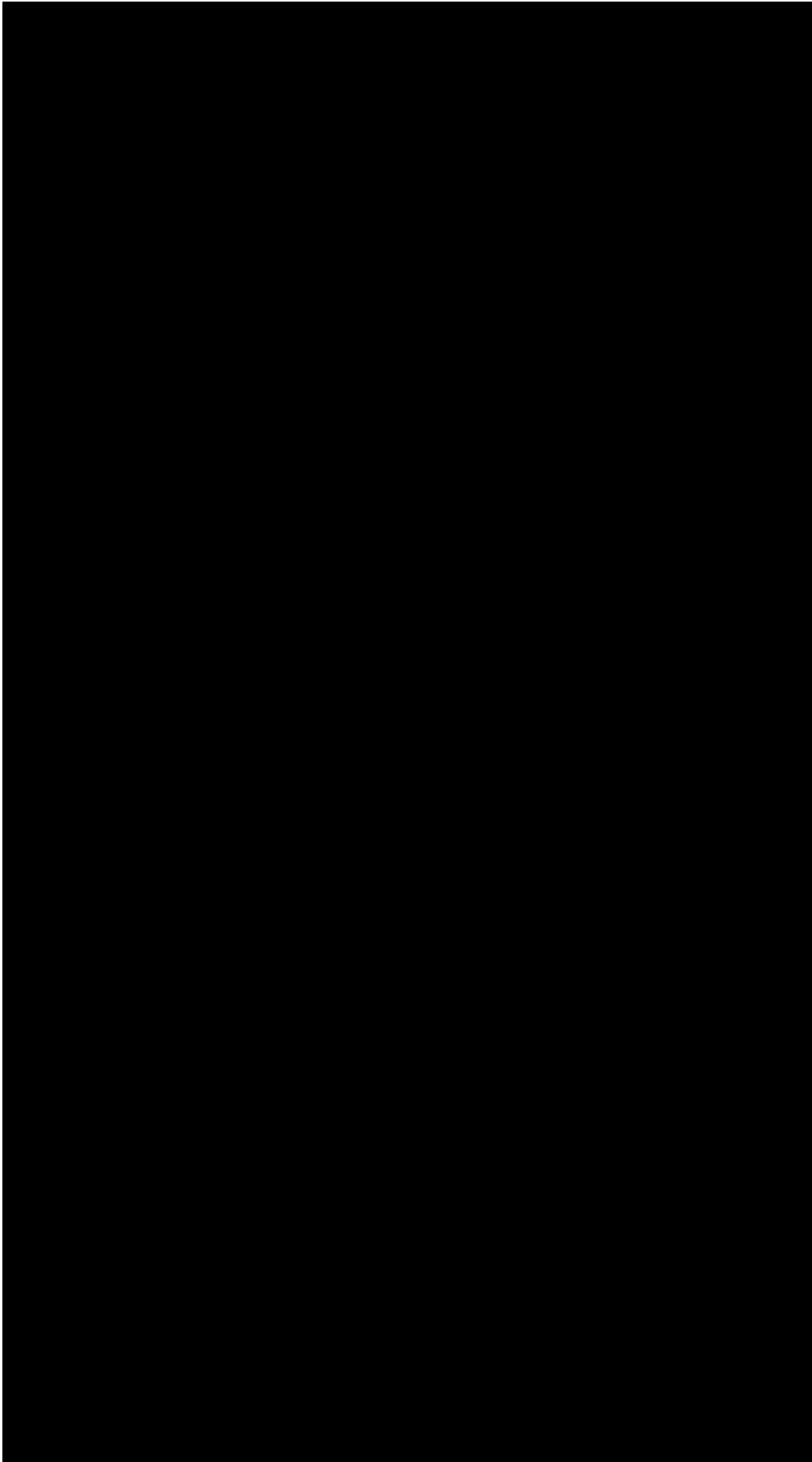


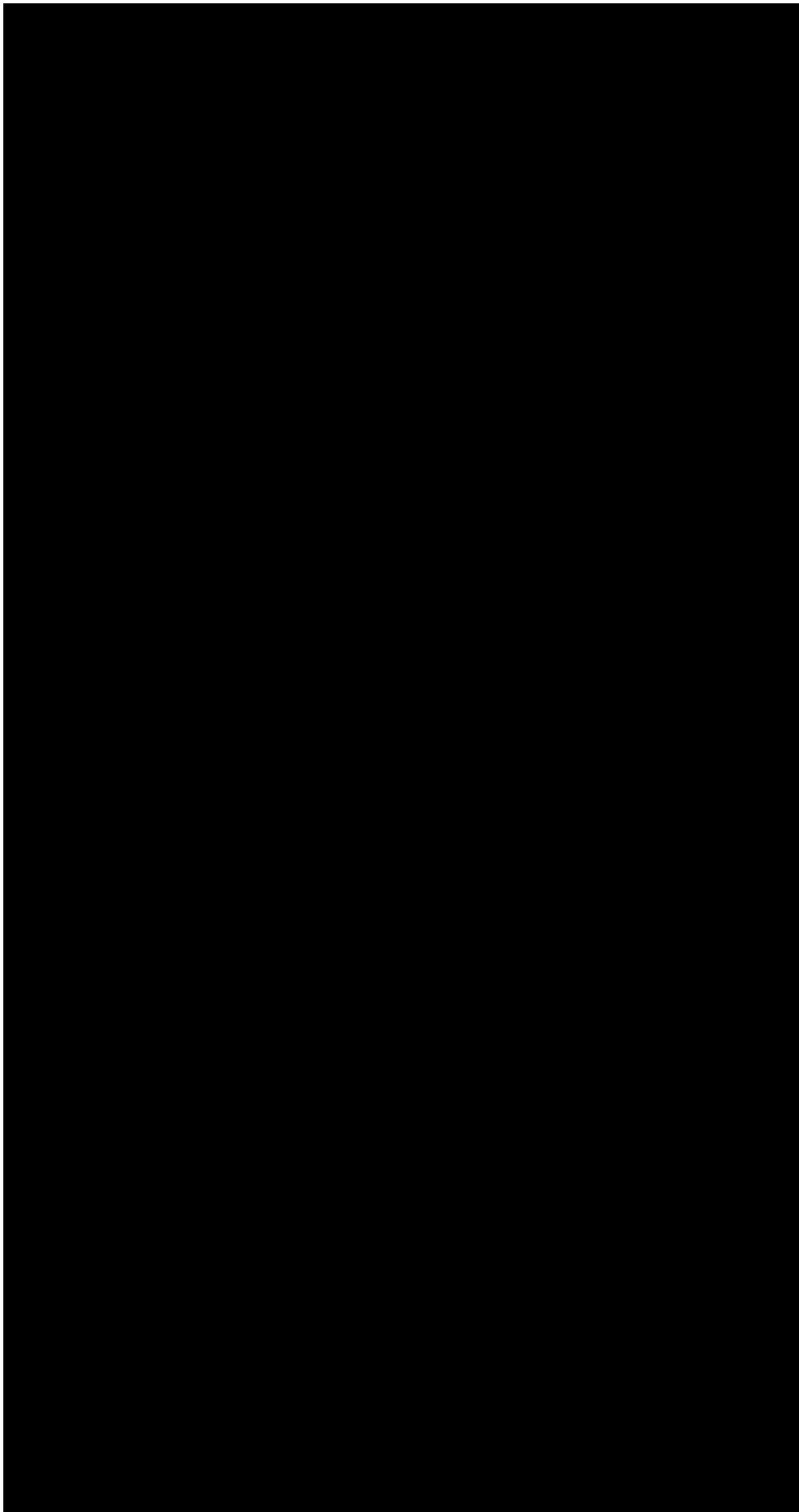
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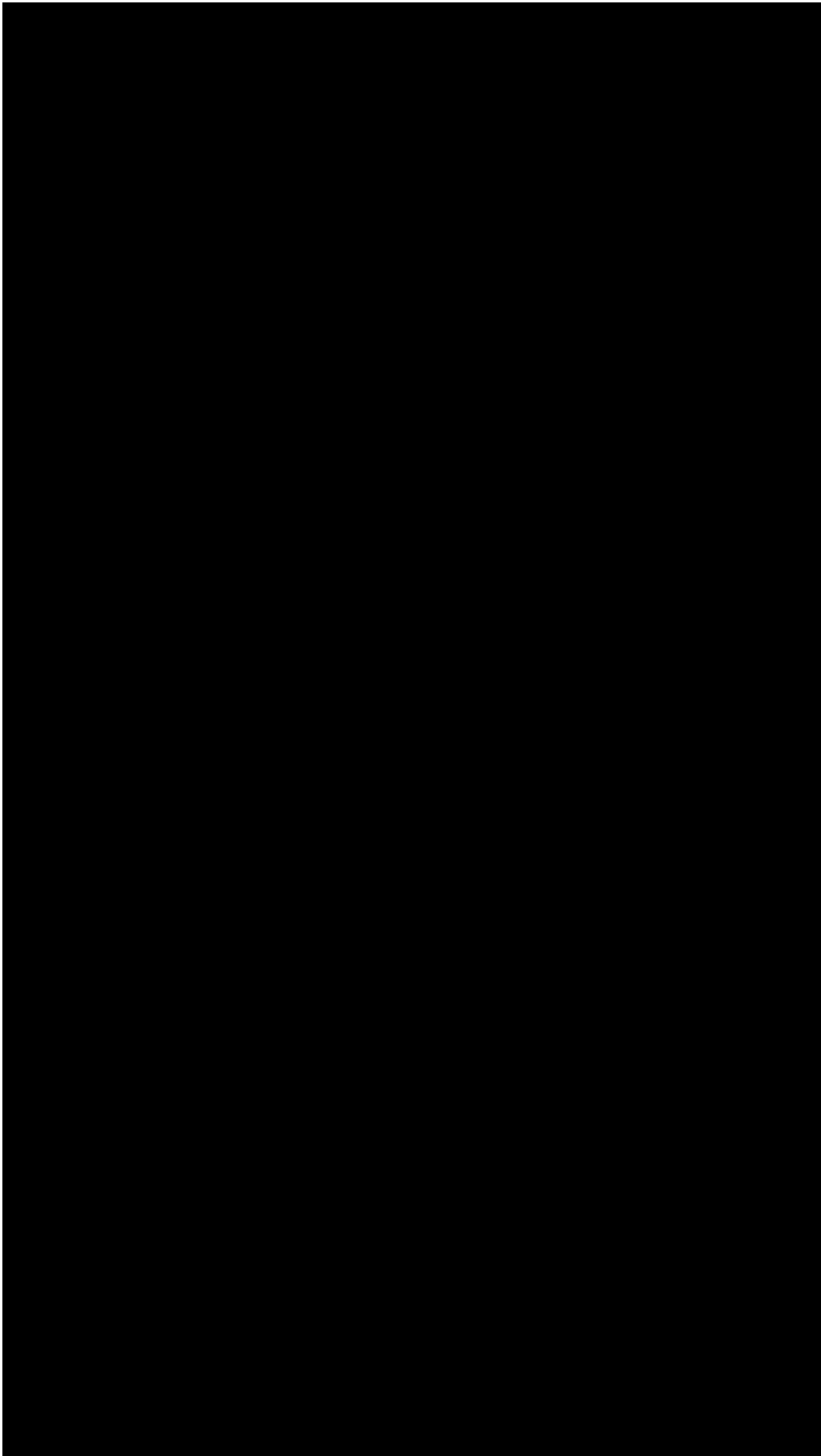
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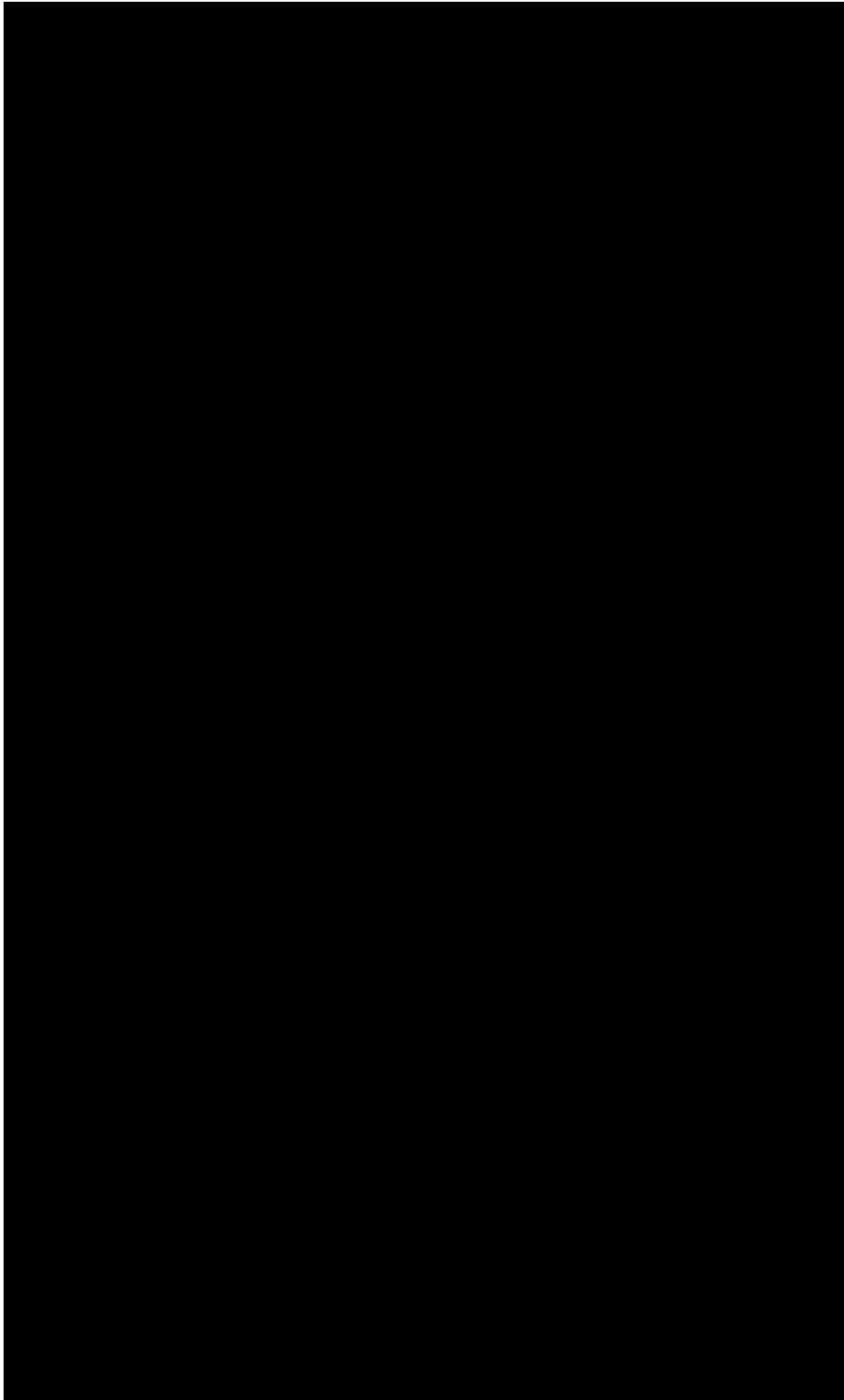








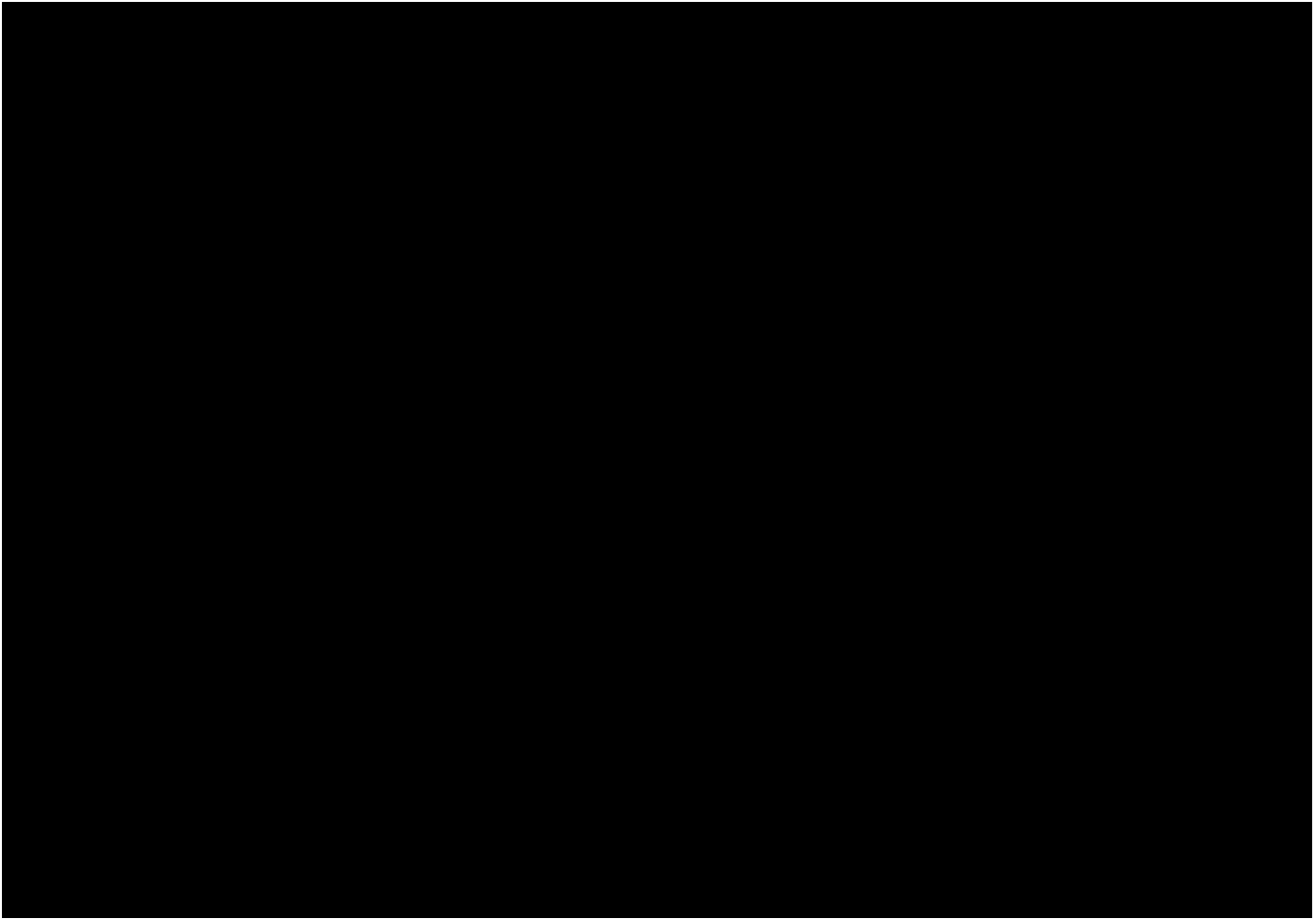




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**Real Property**

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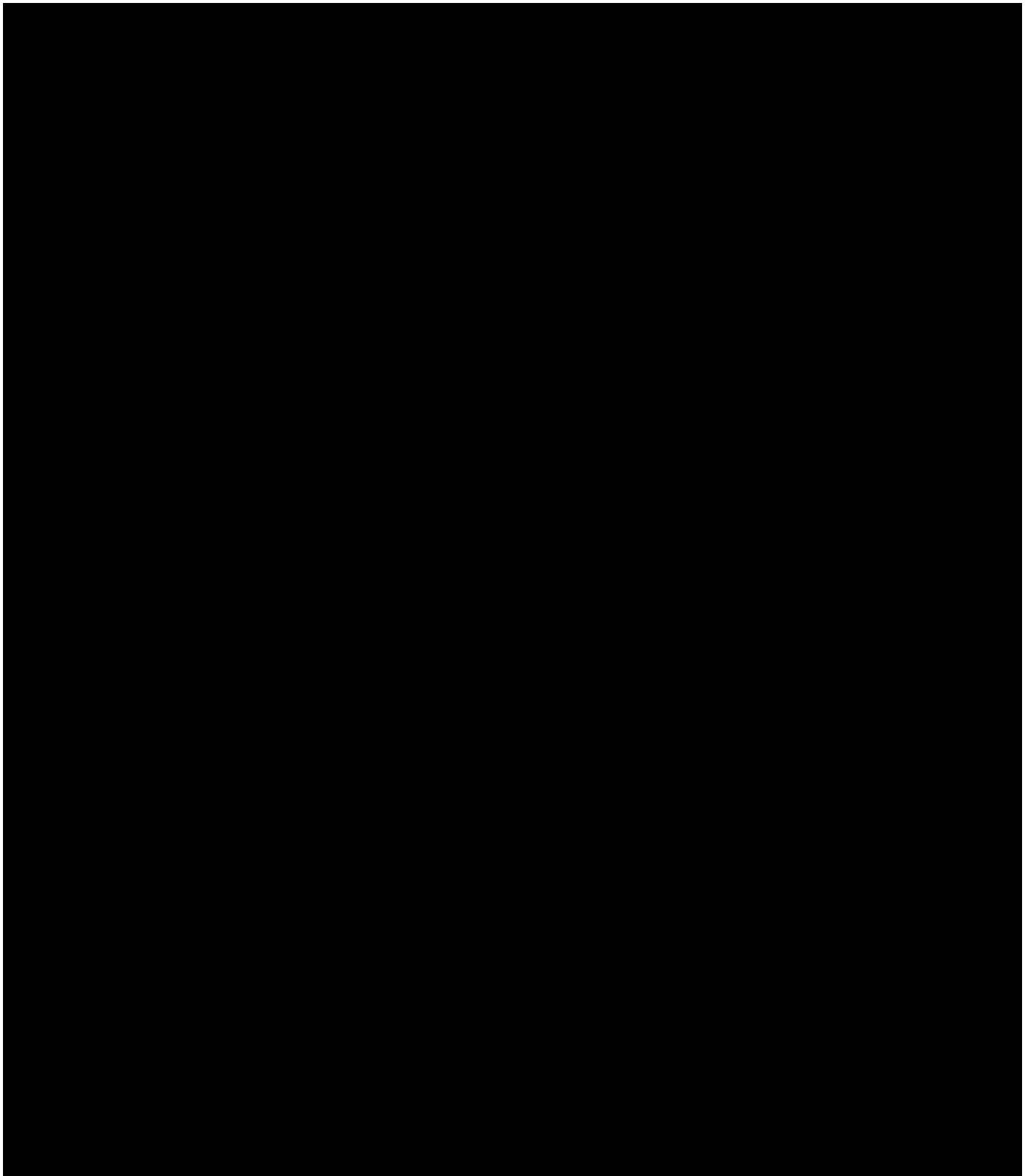
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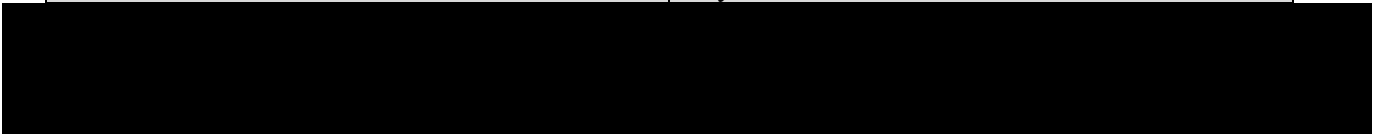
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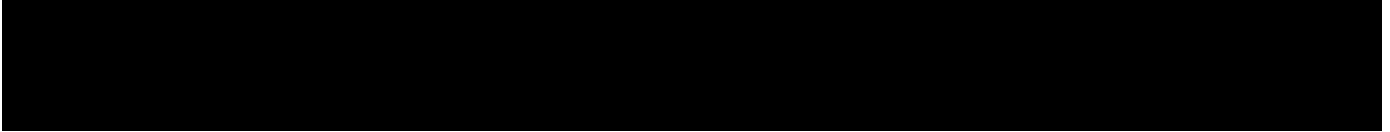
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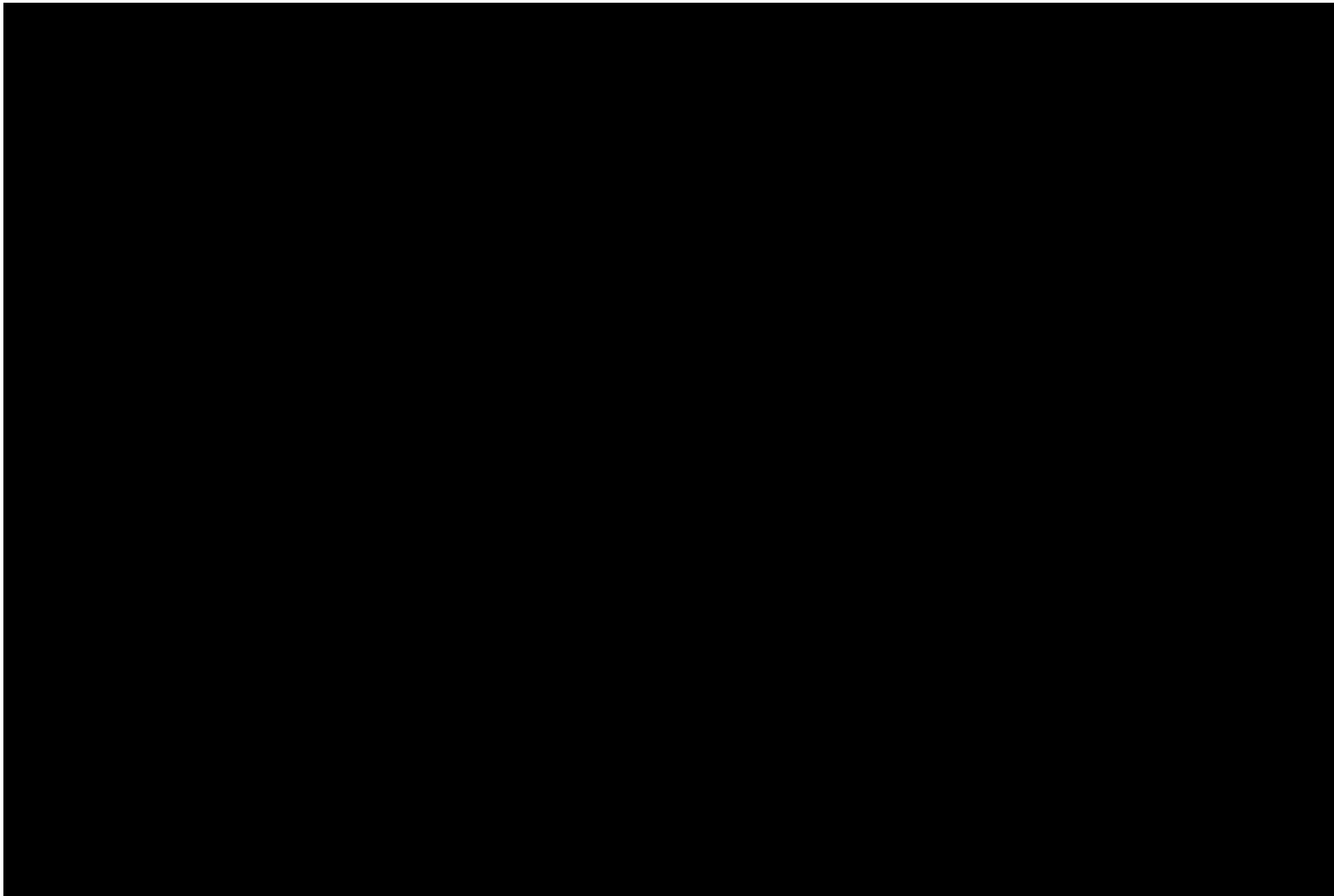
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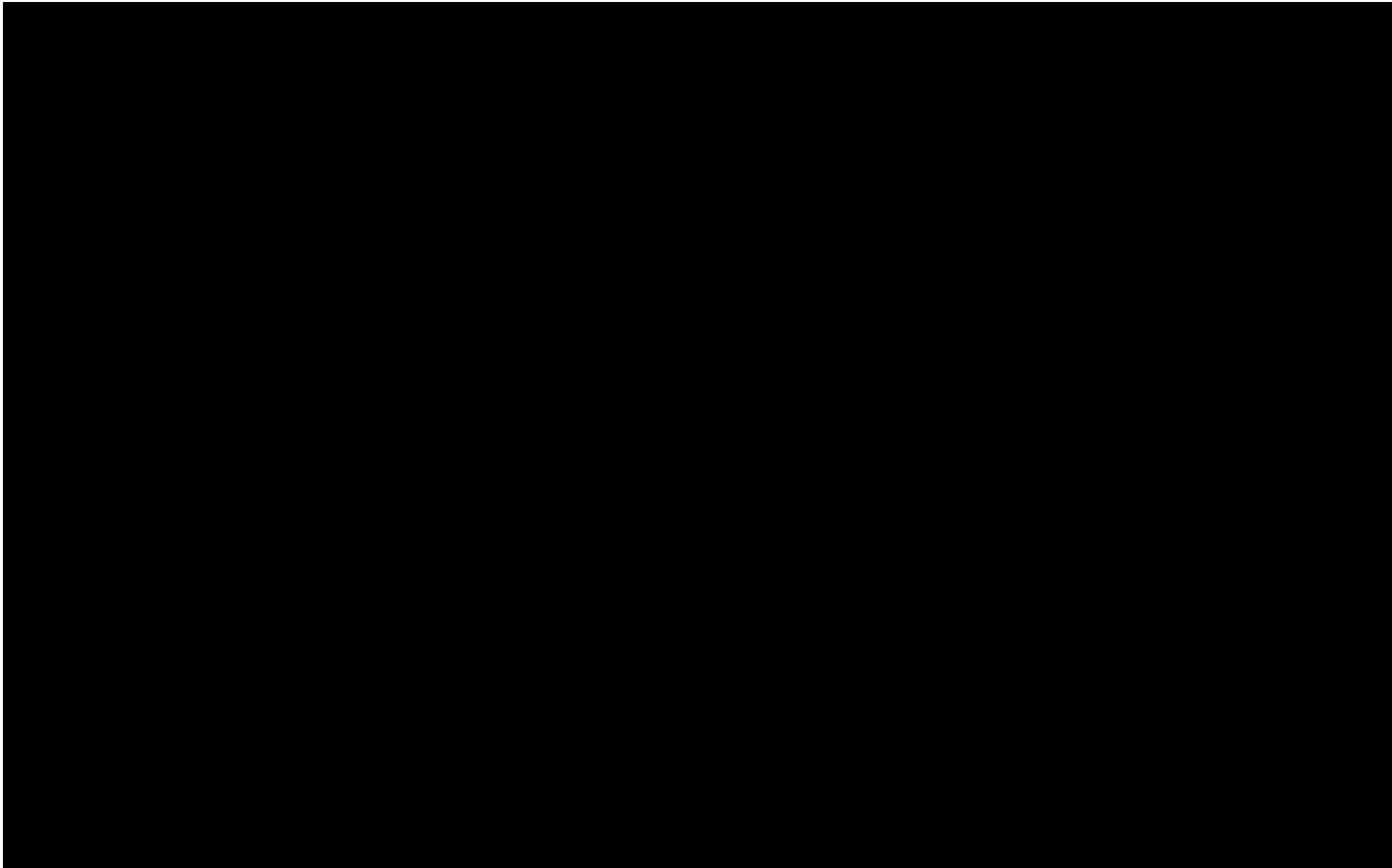
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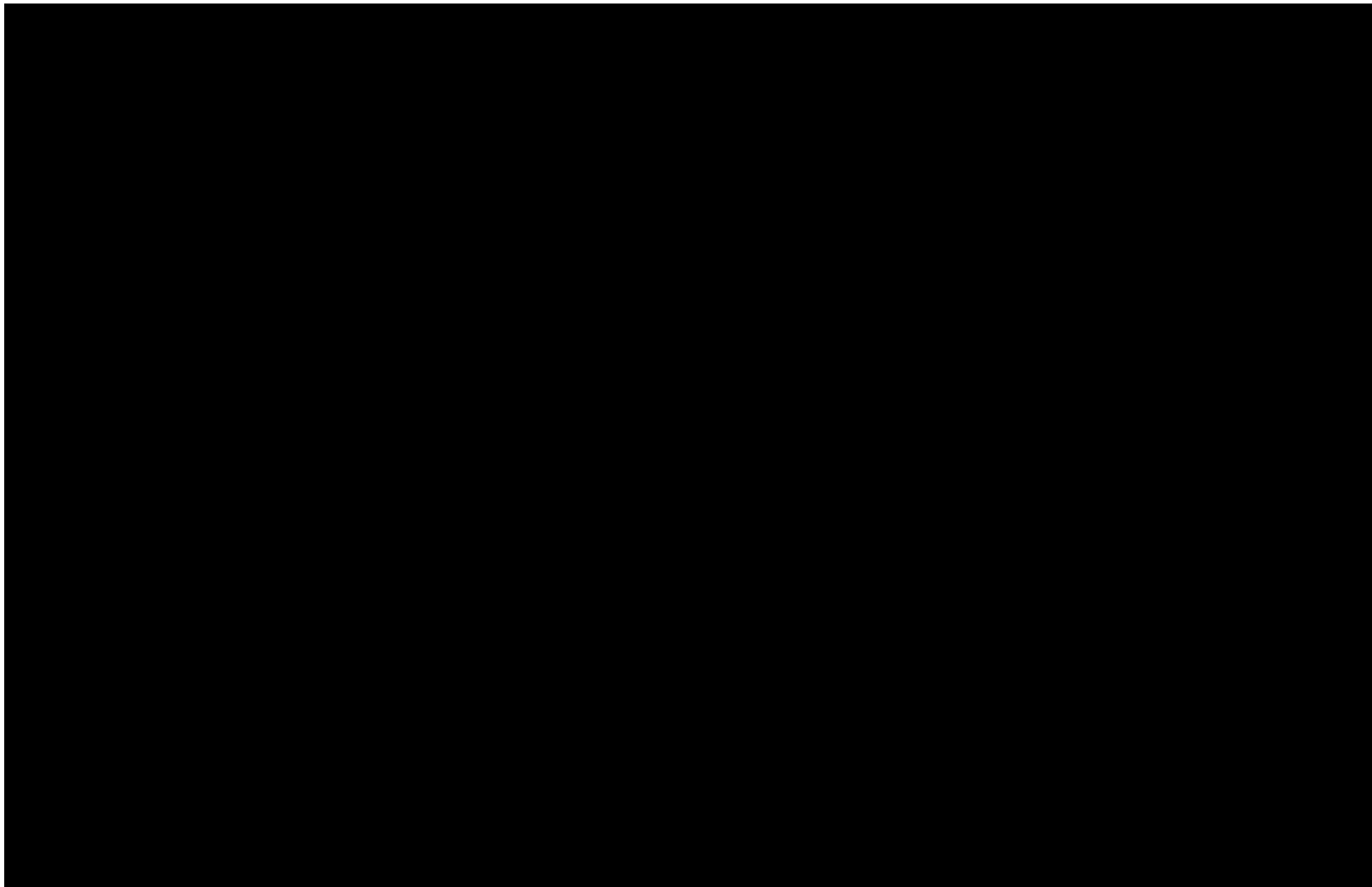
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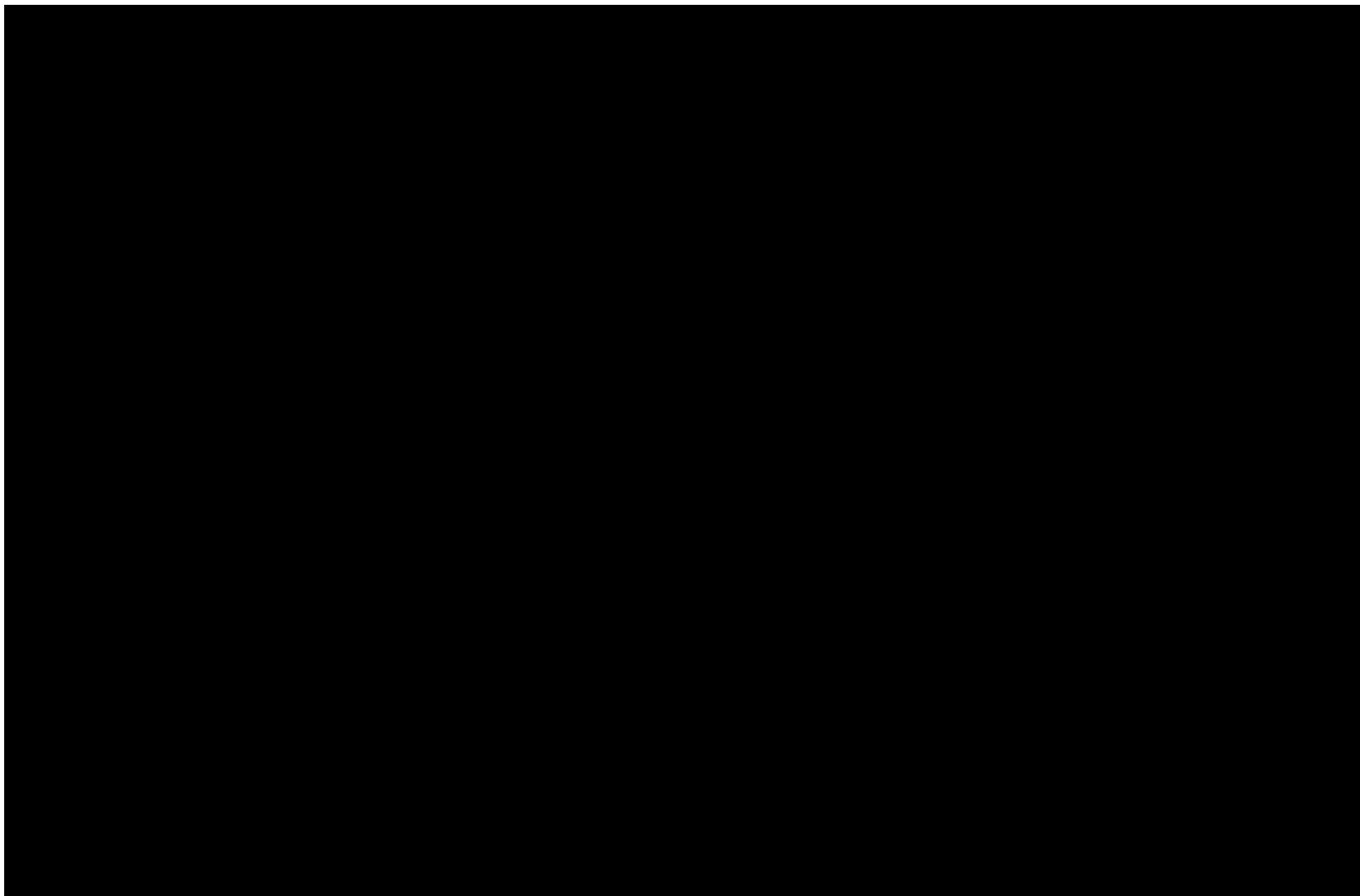
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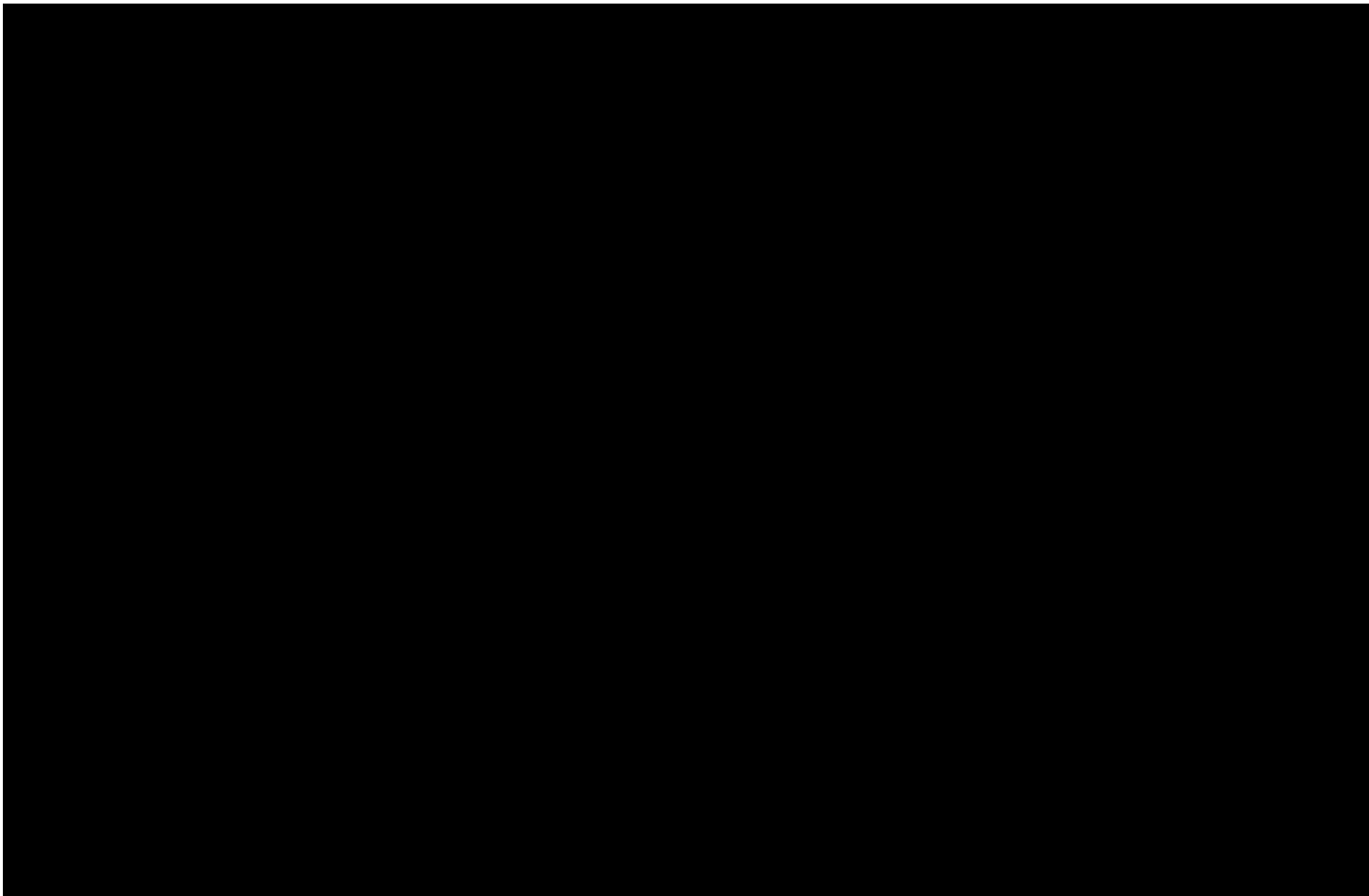


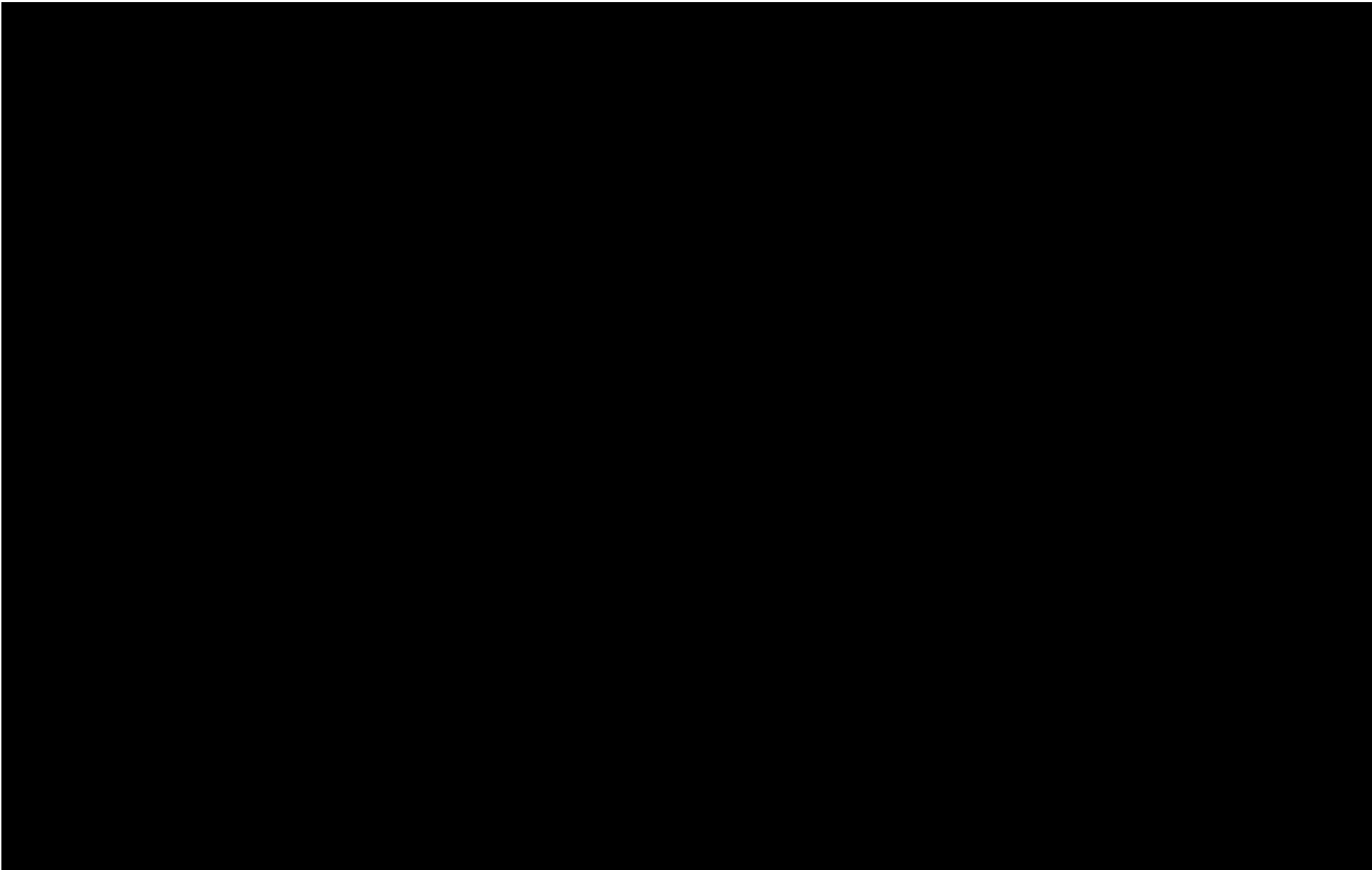


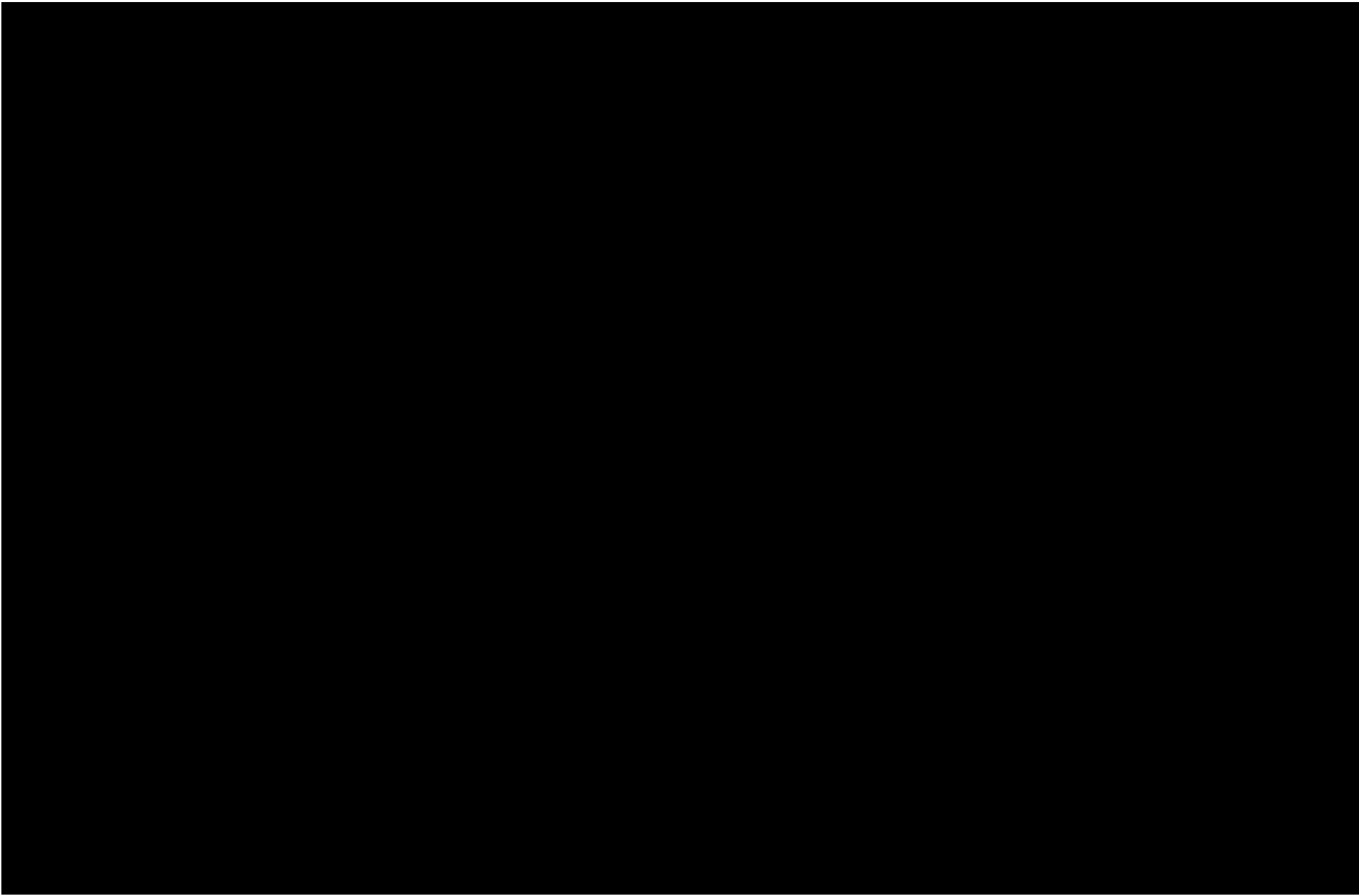


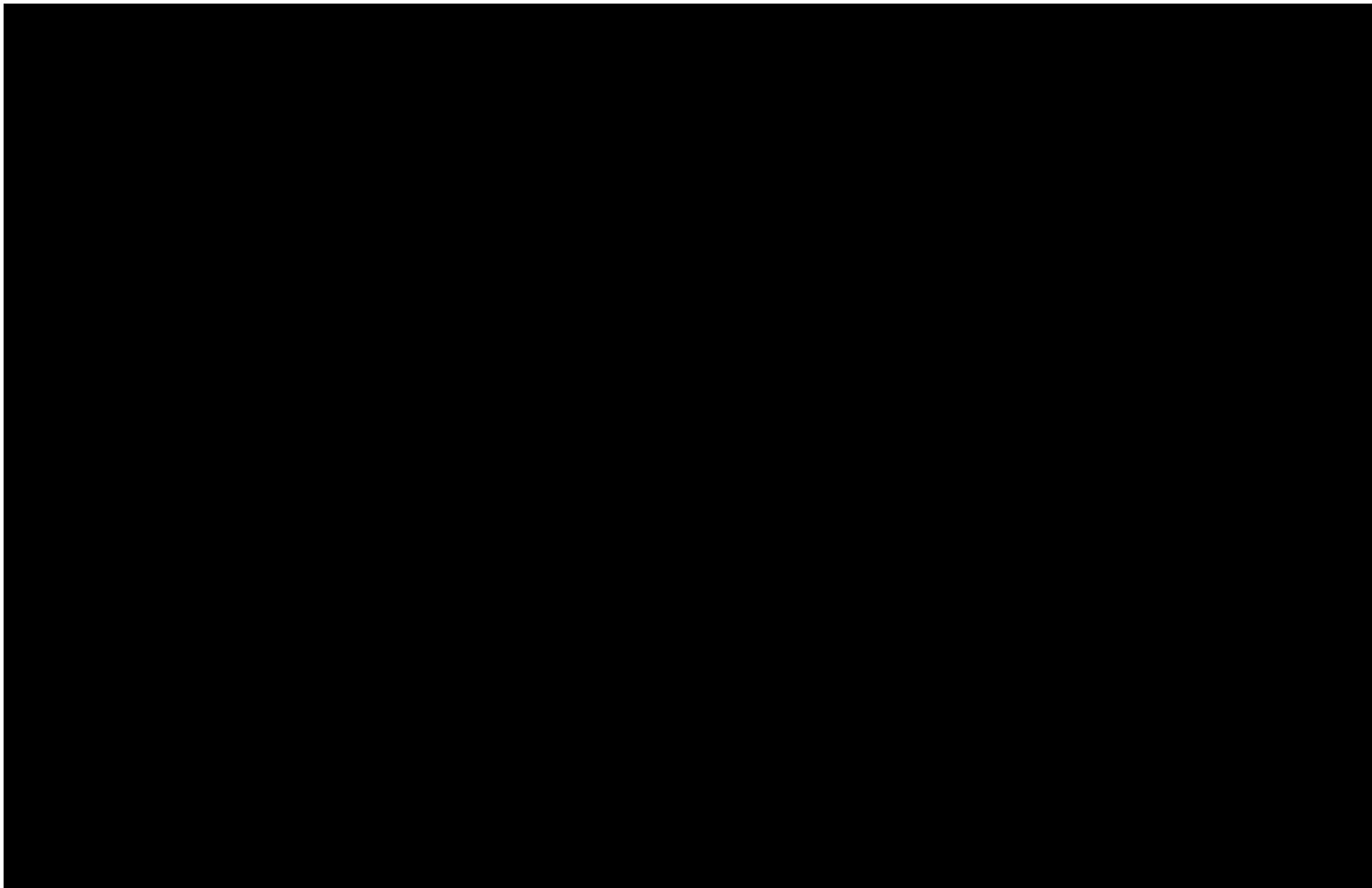


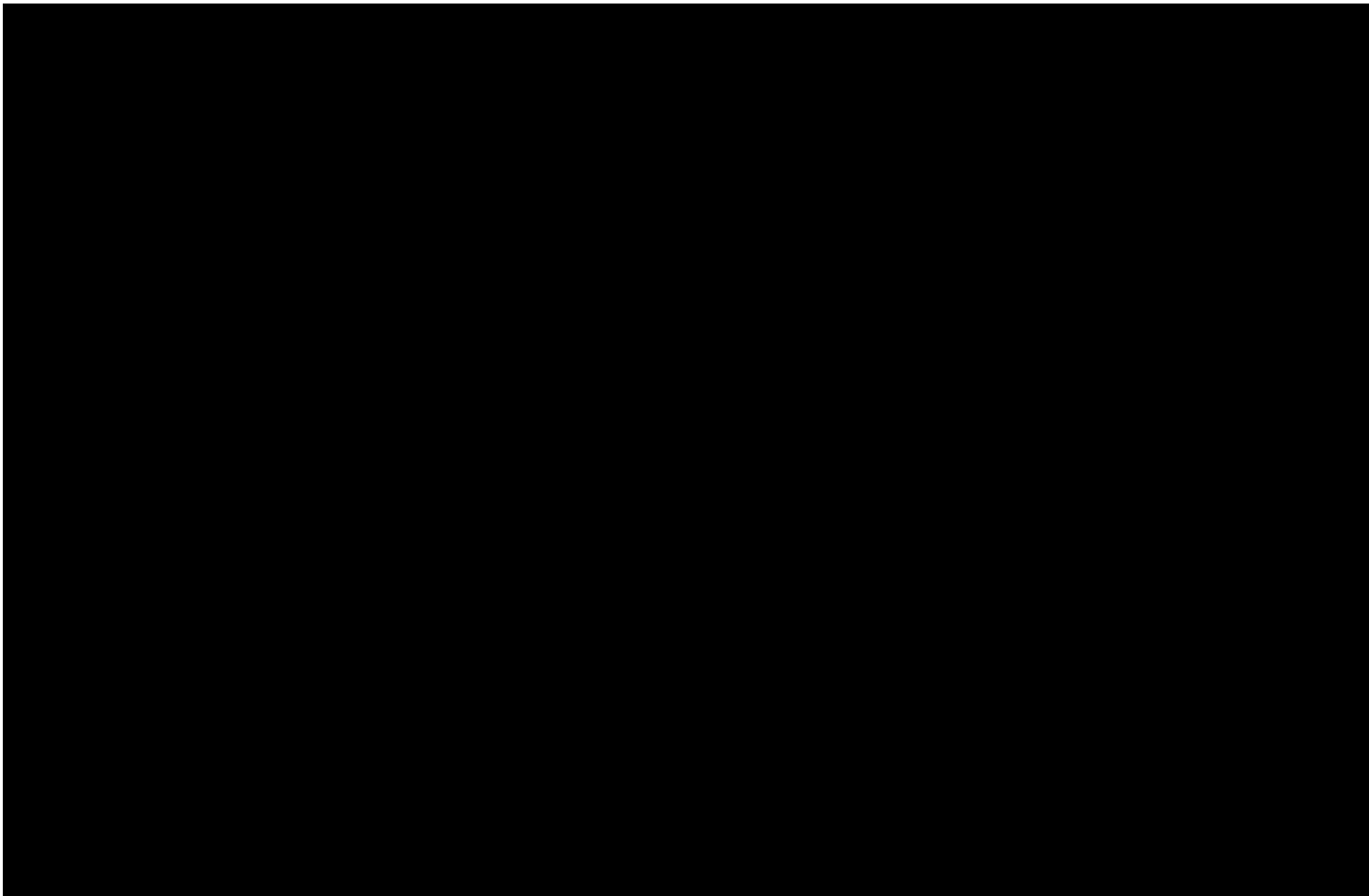




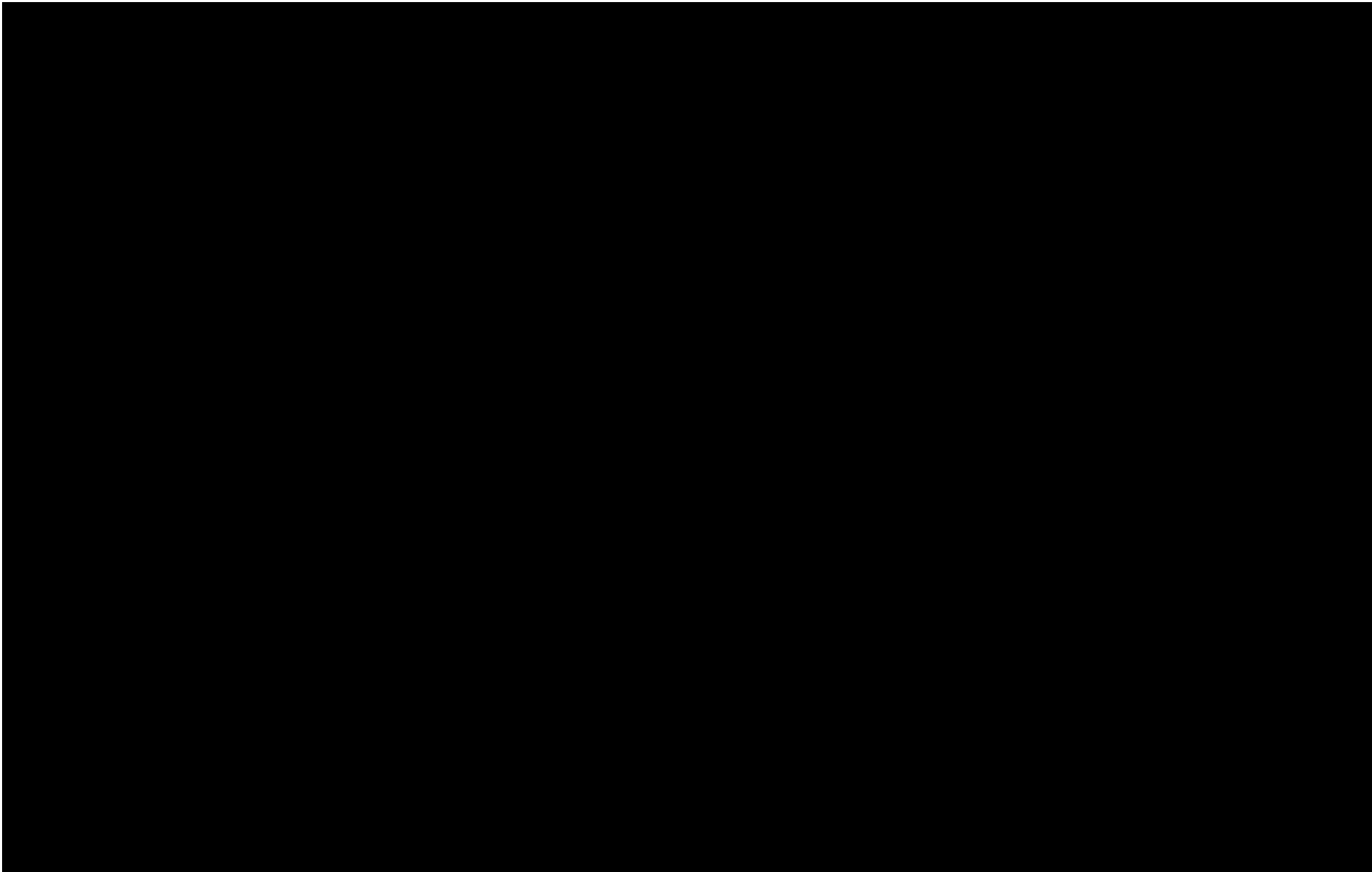


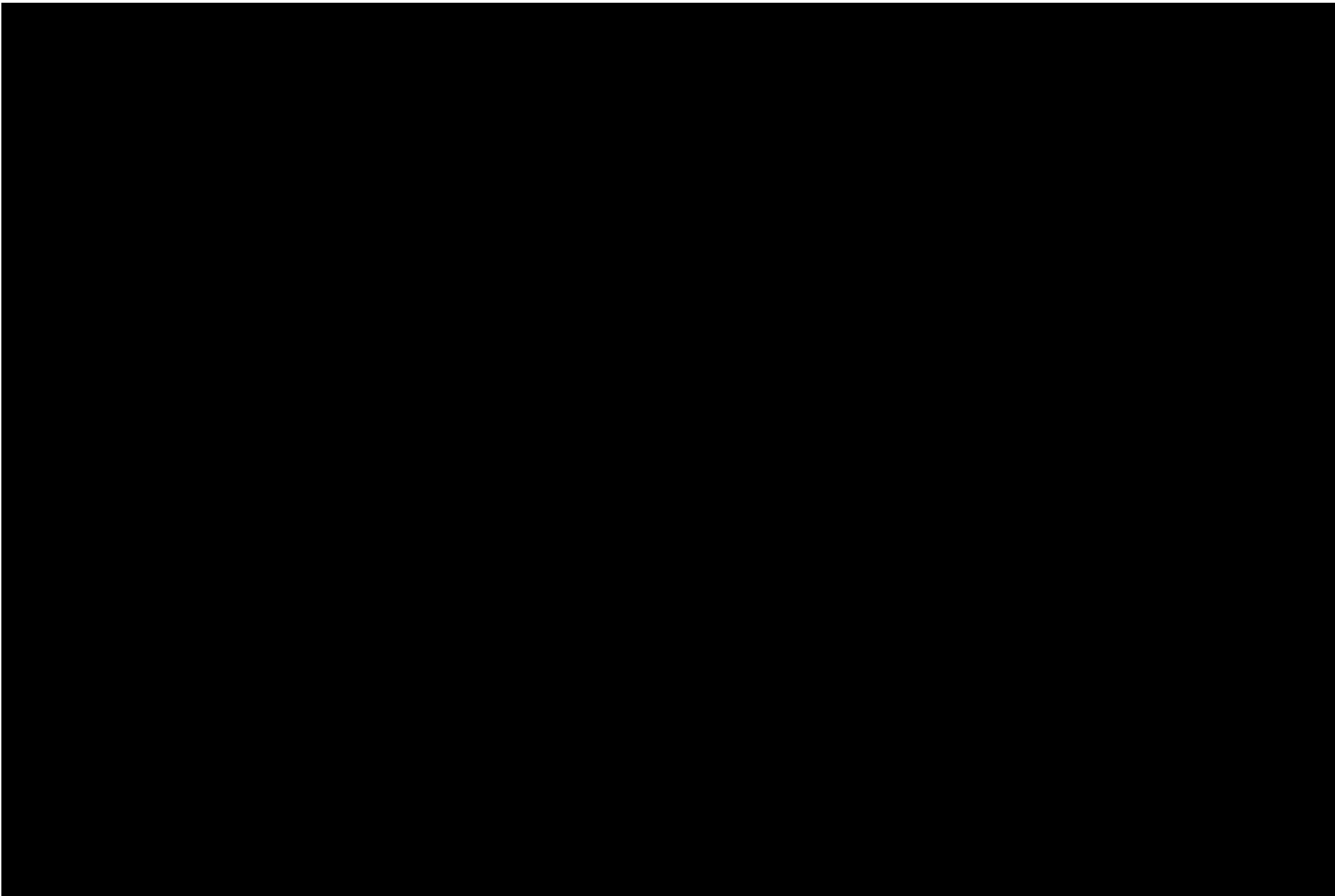


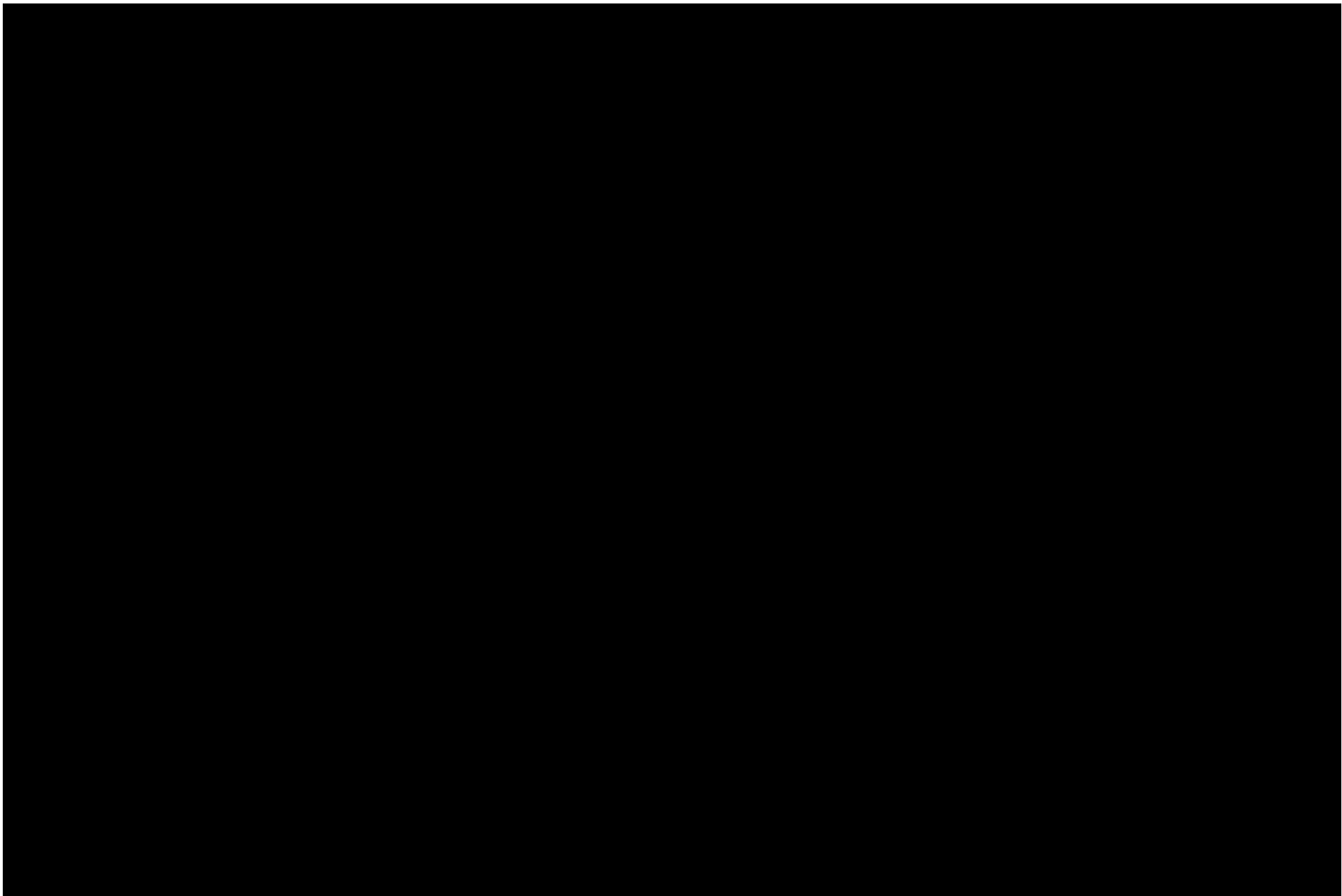


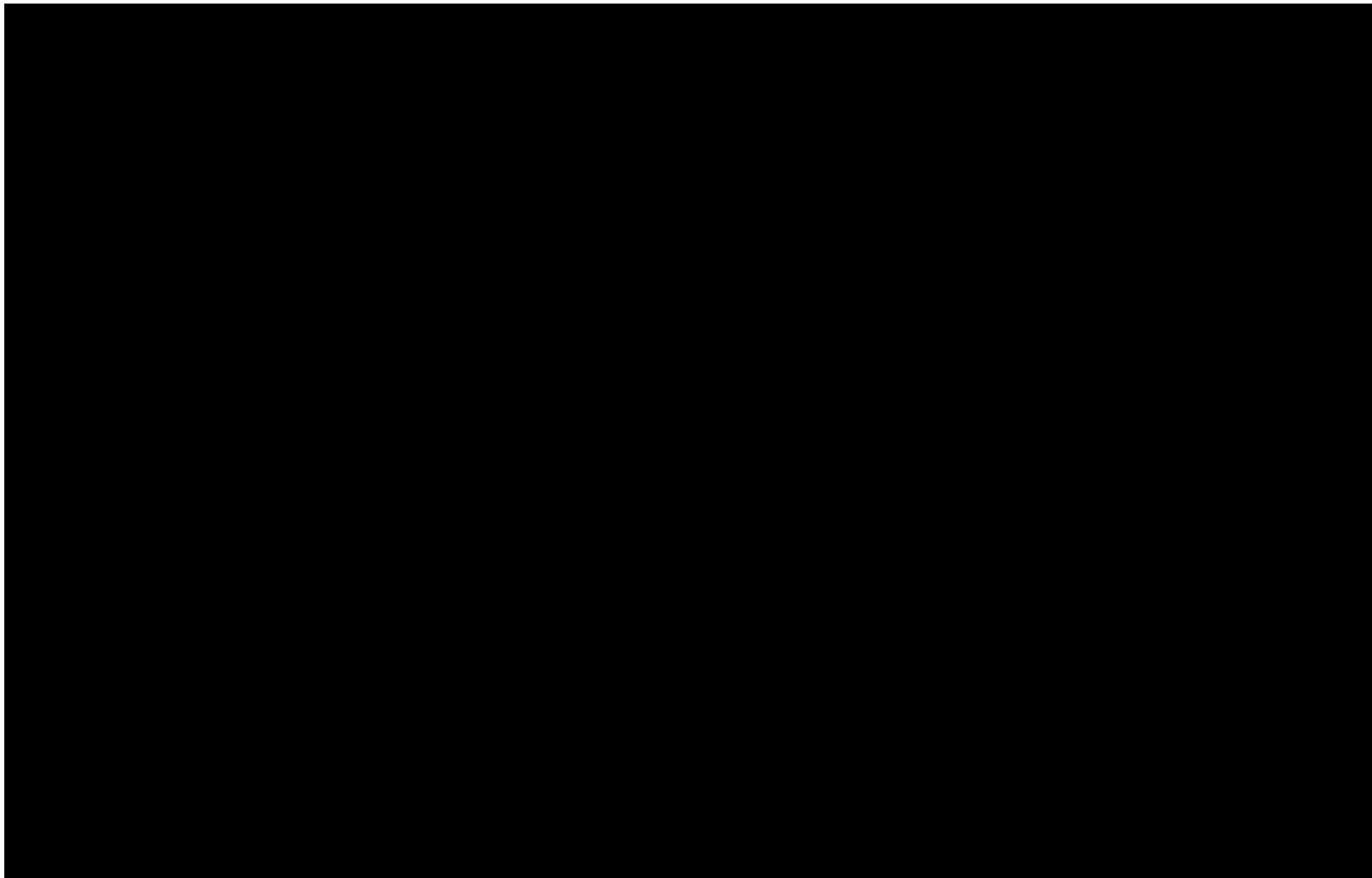


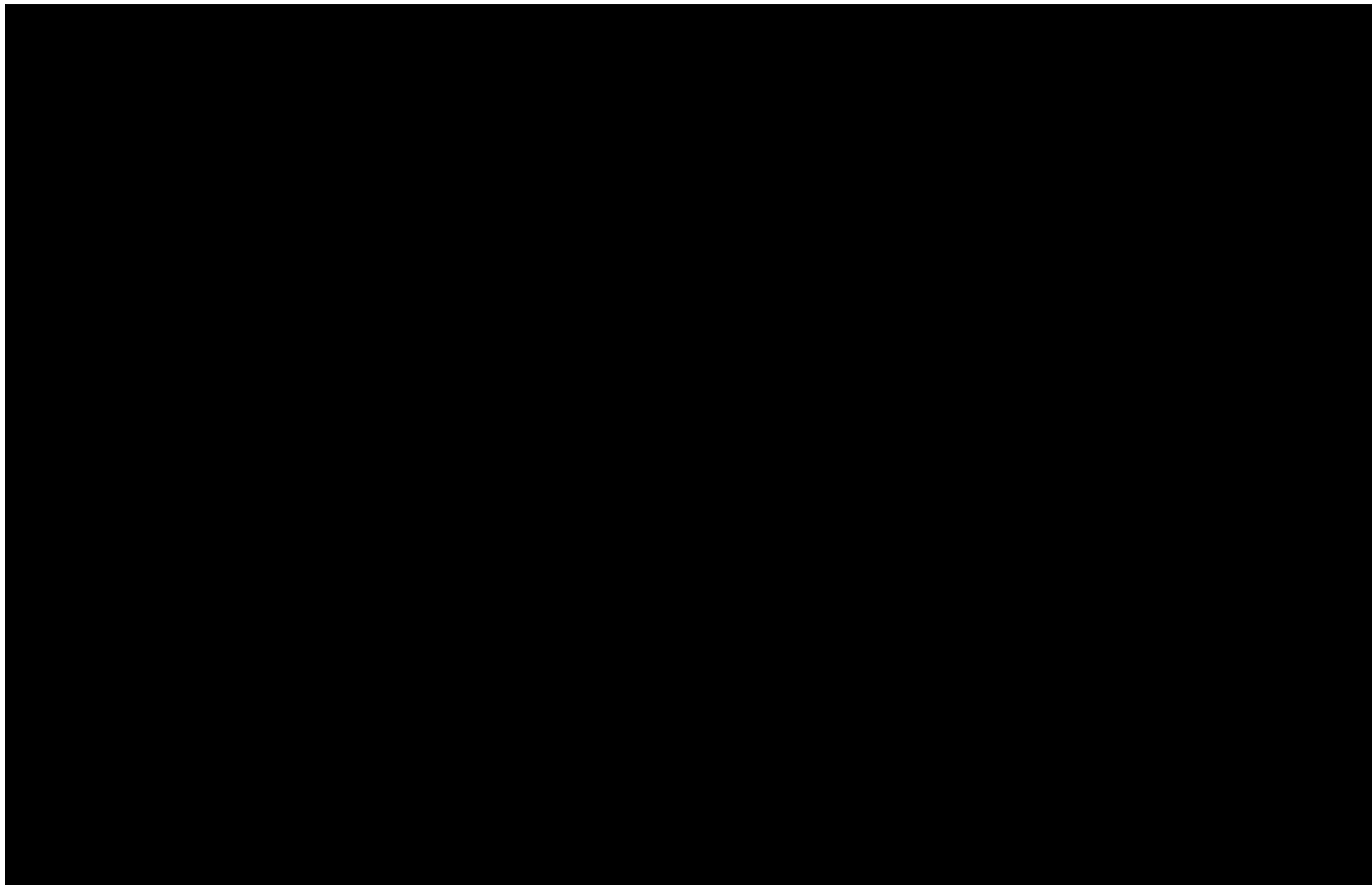


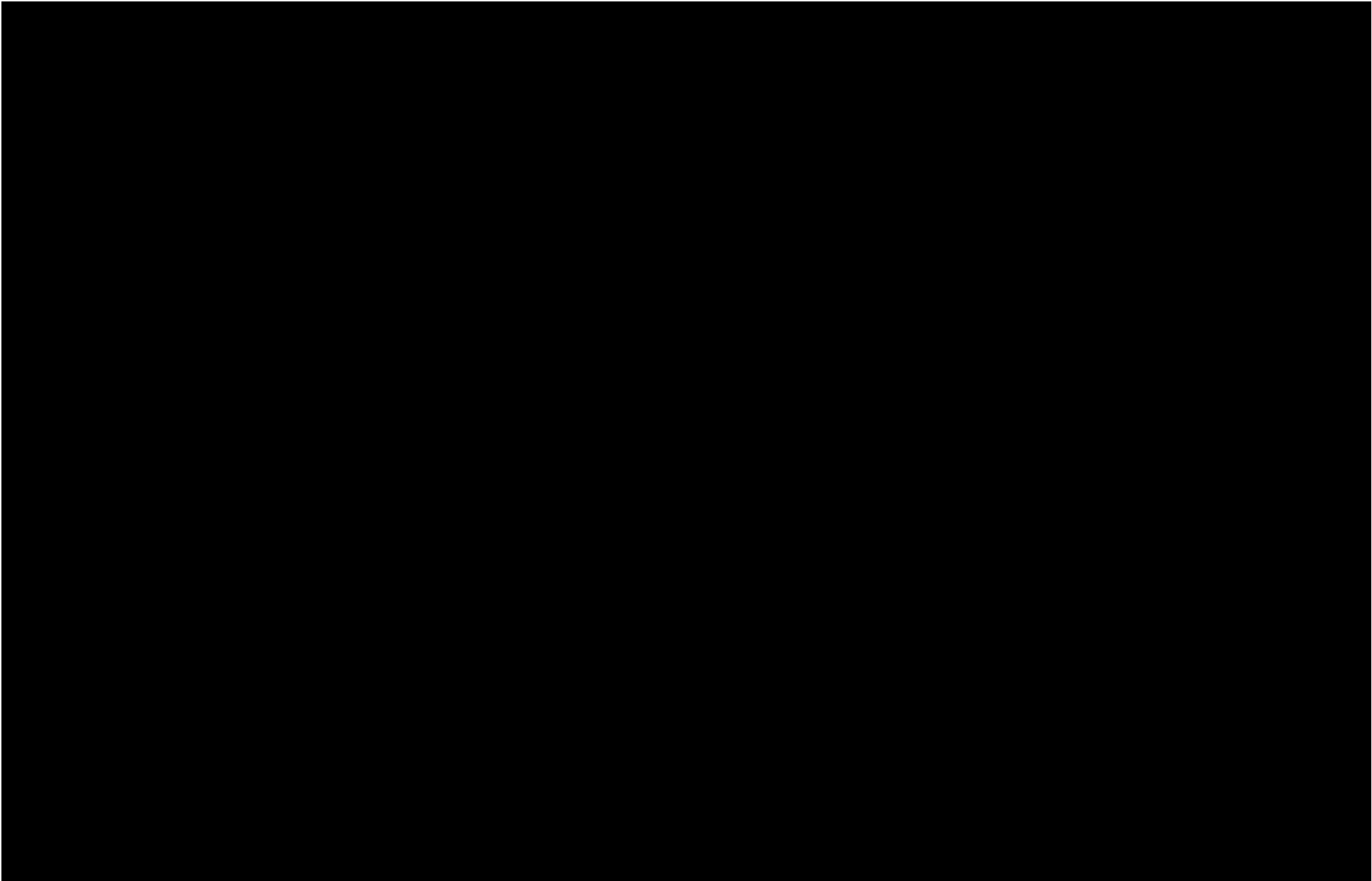


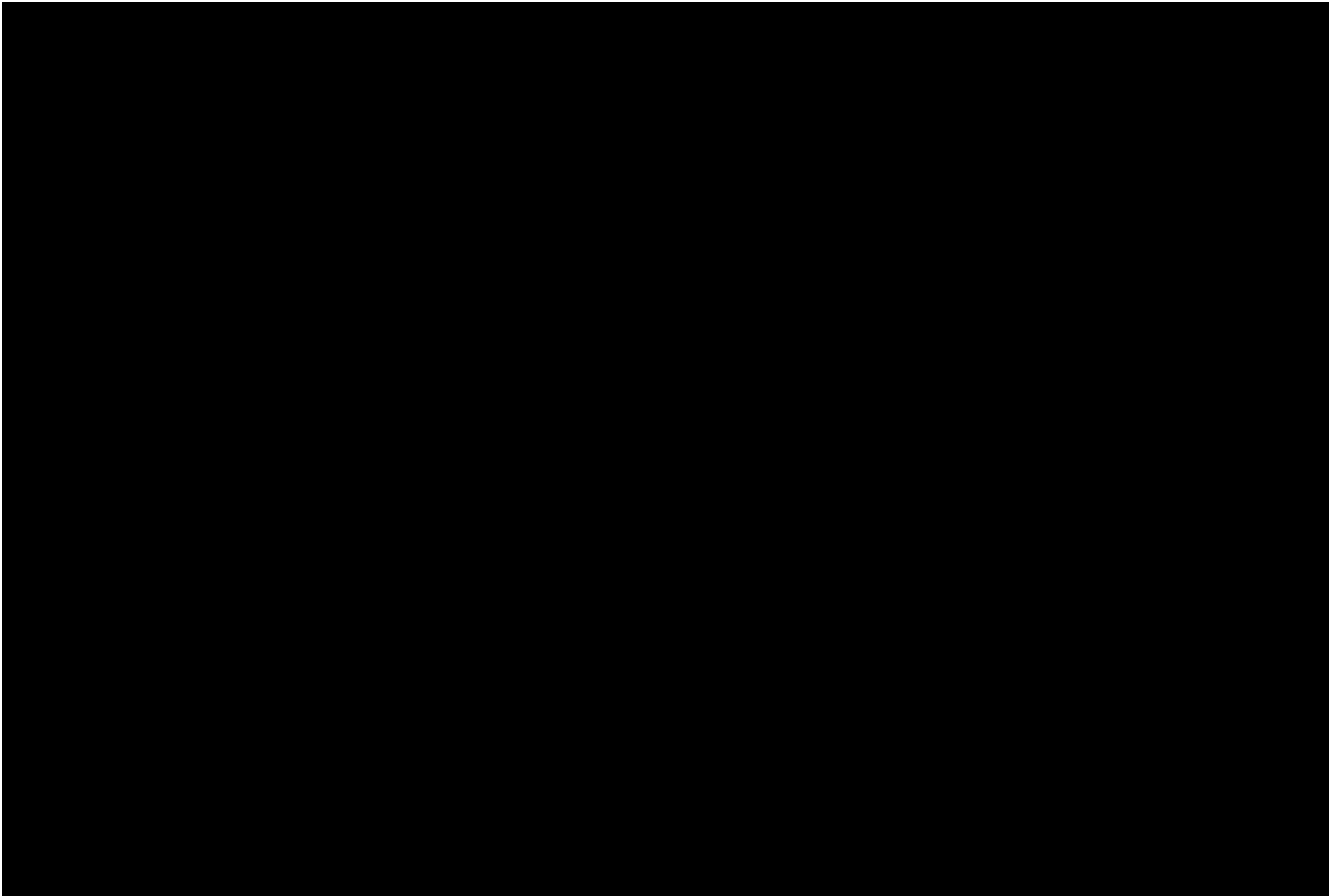




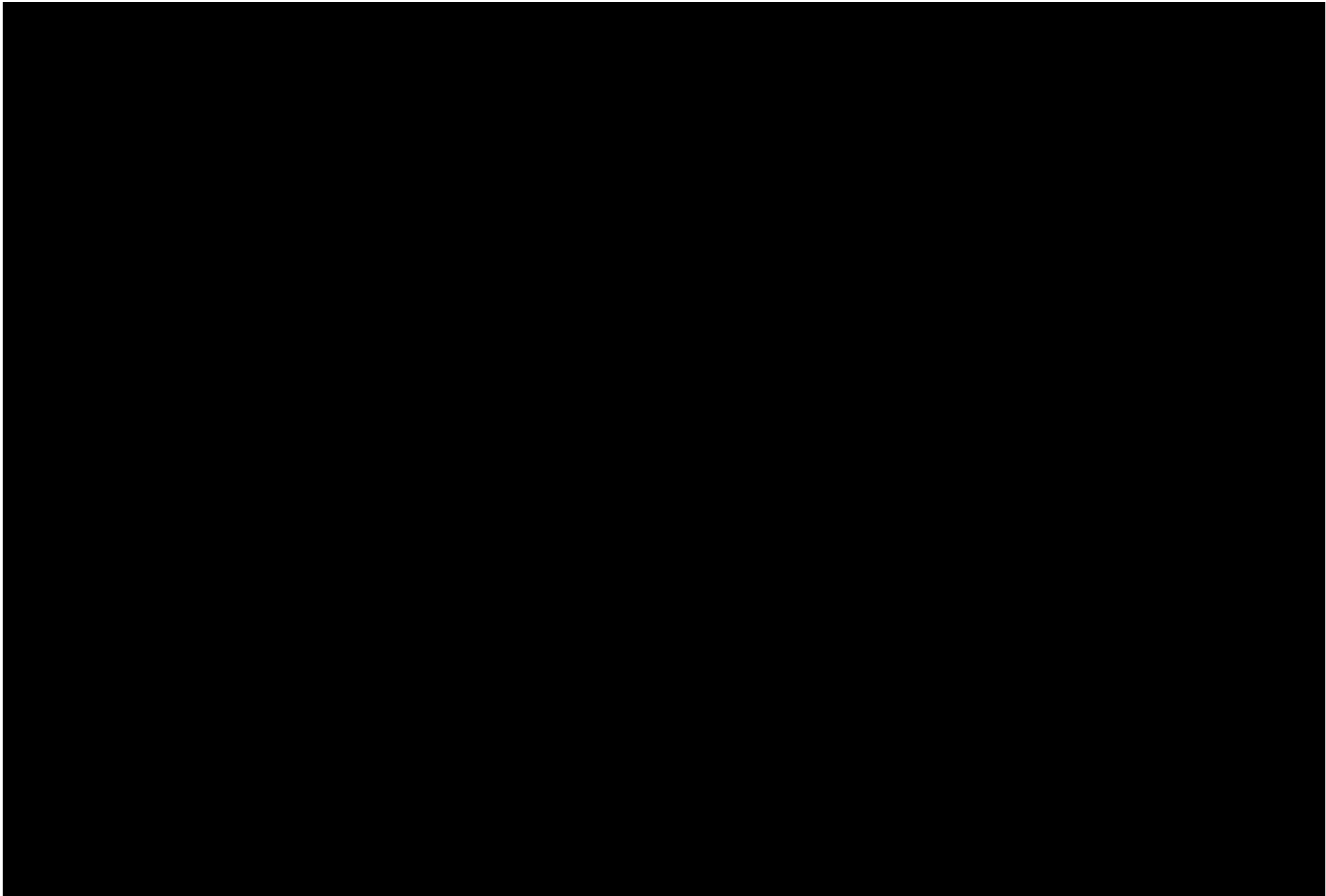


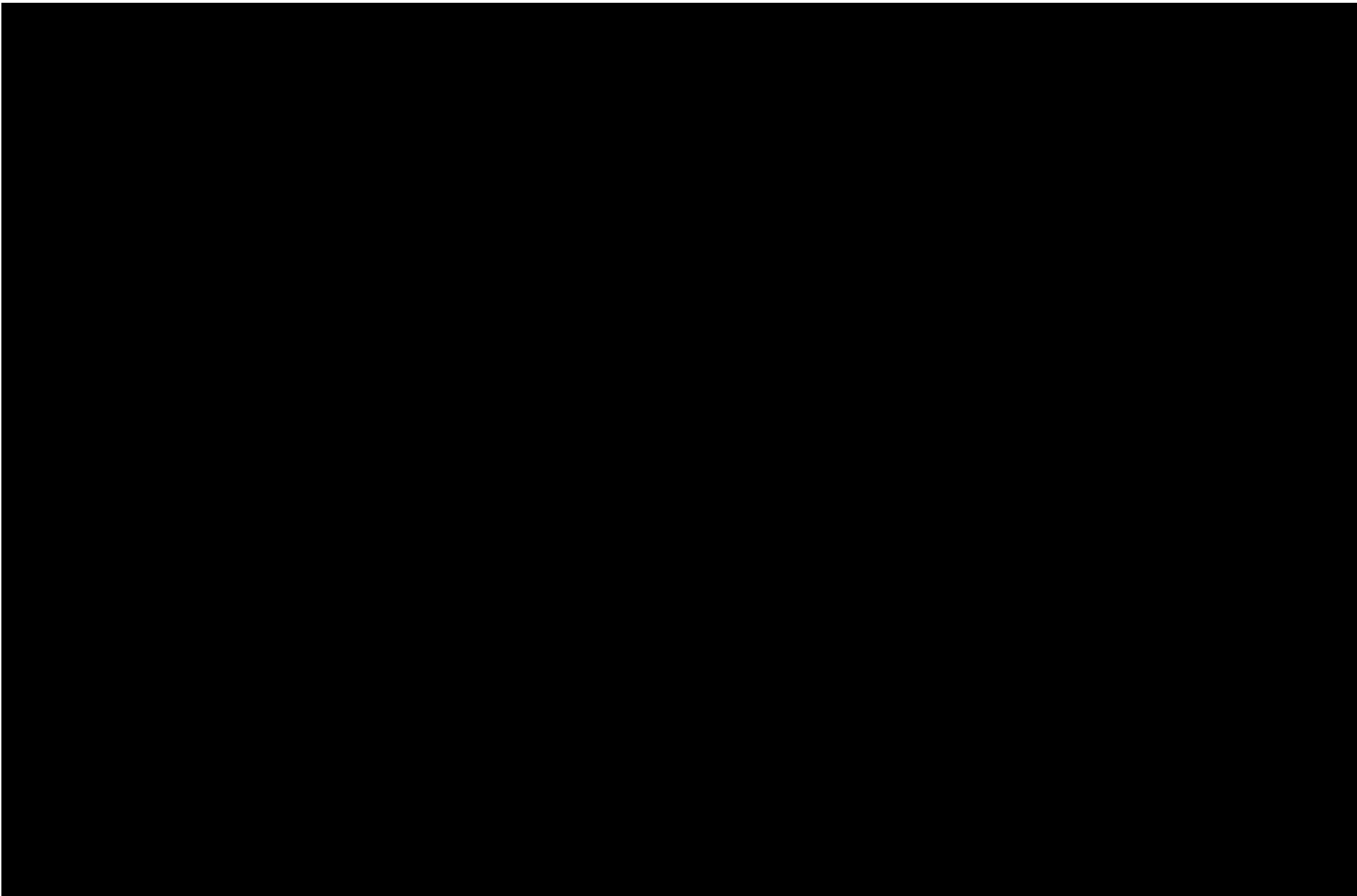


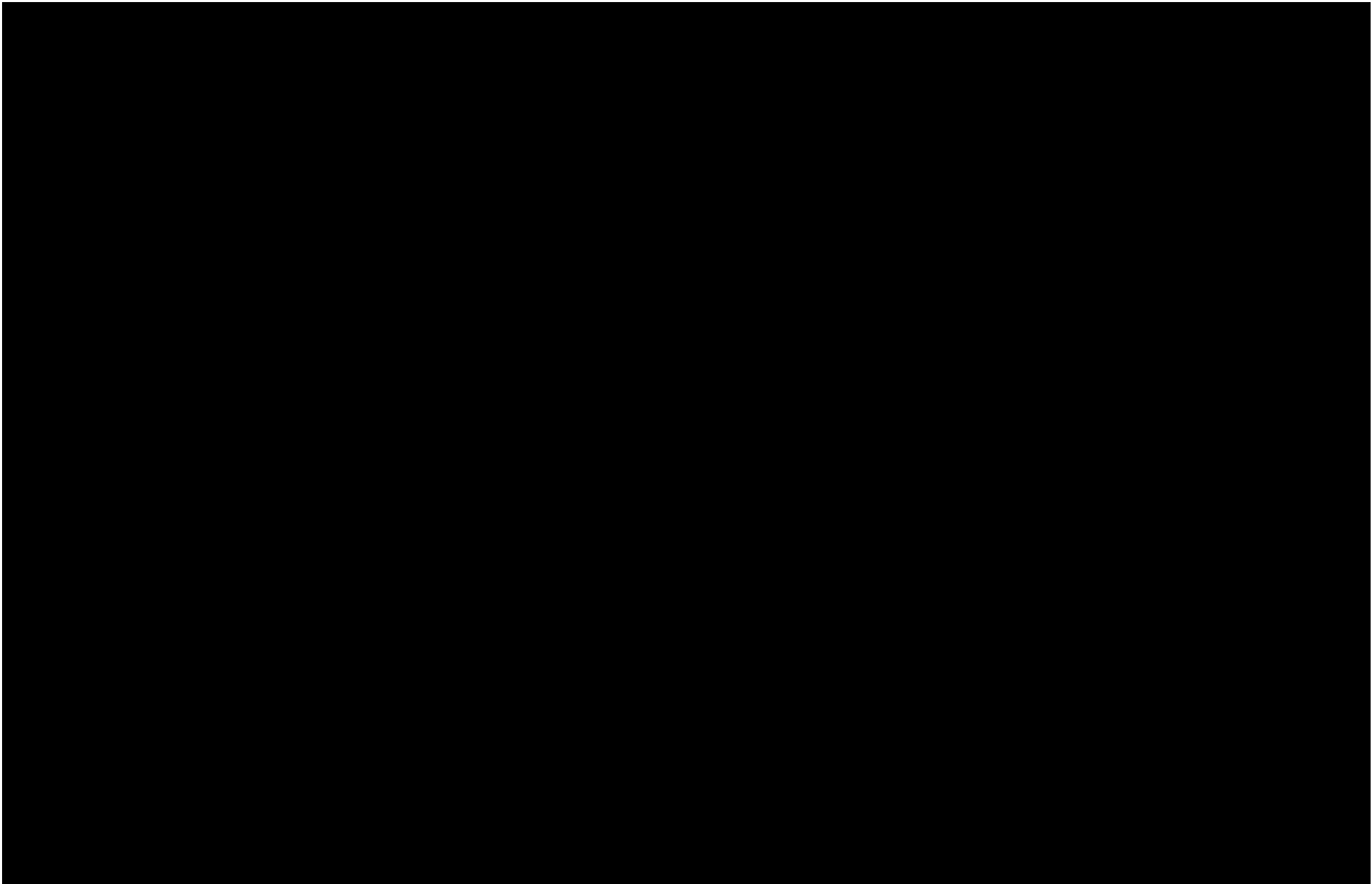


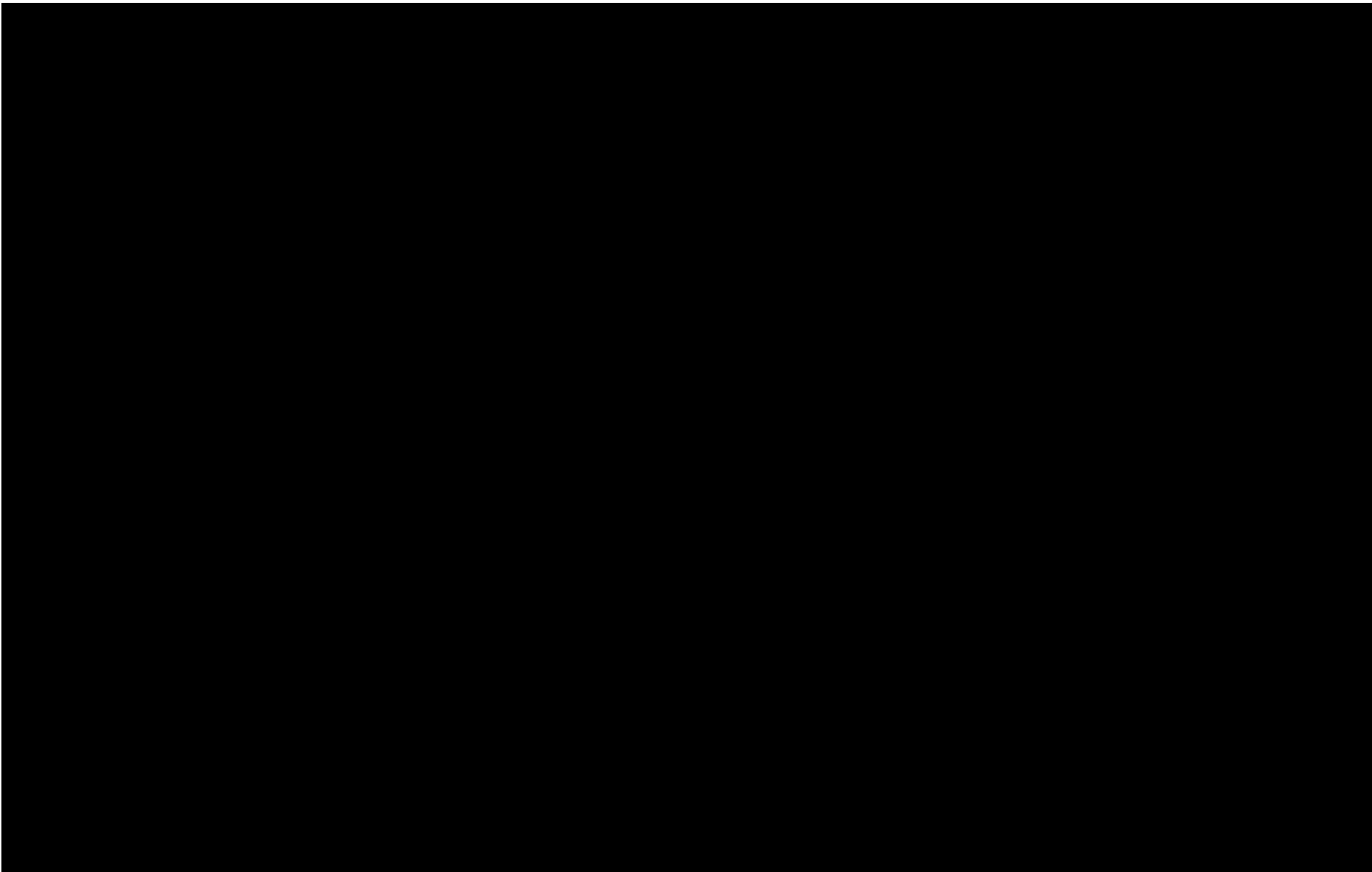


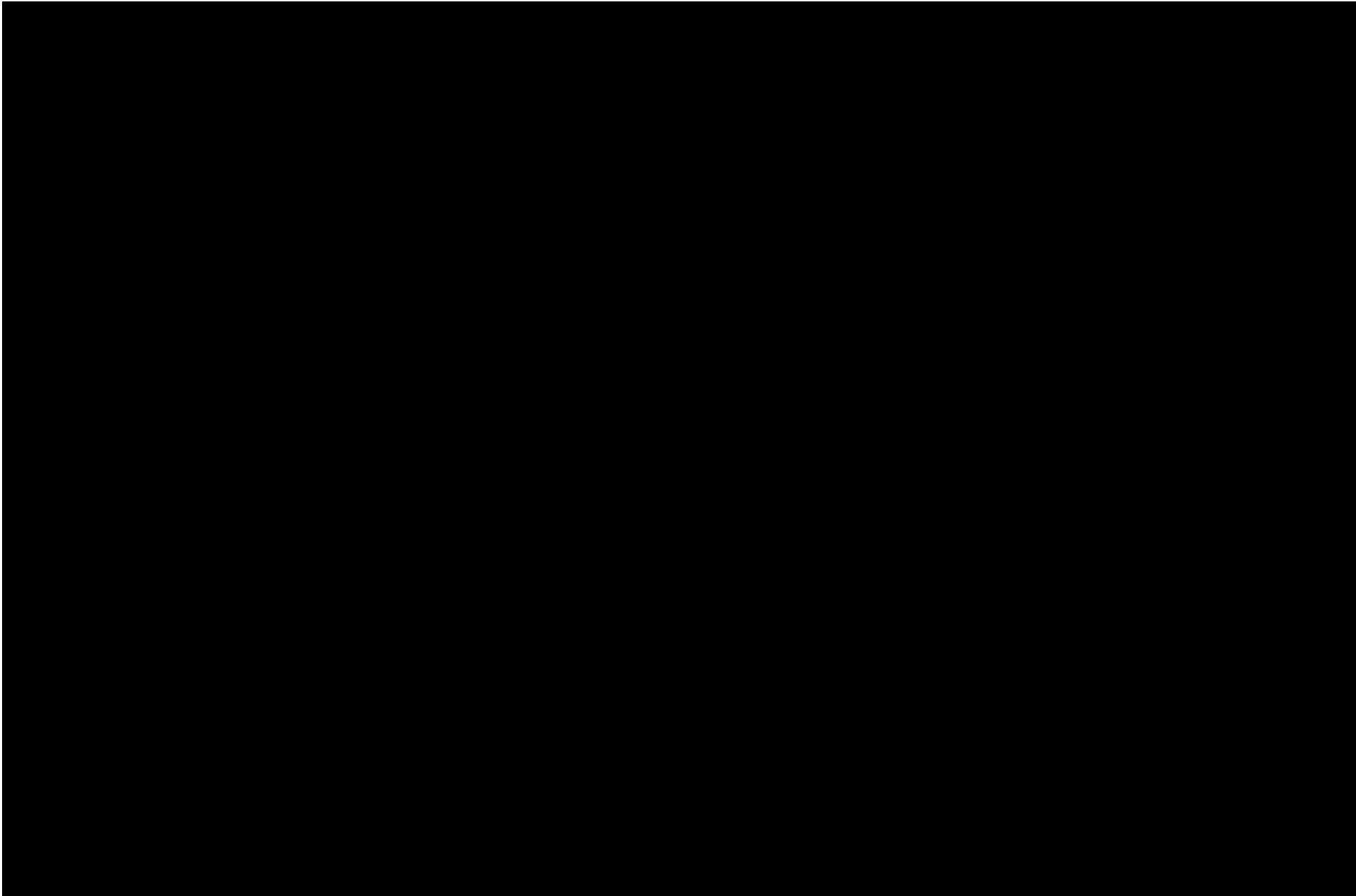


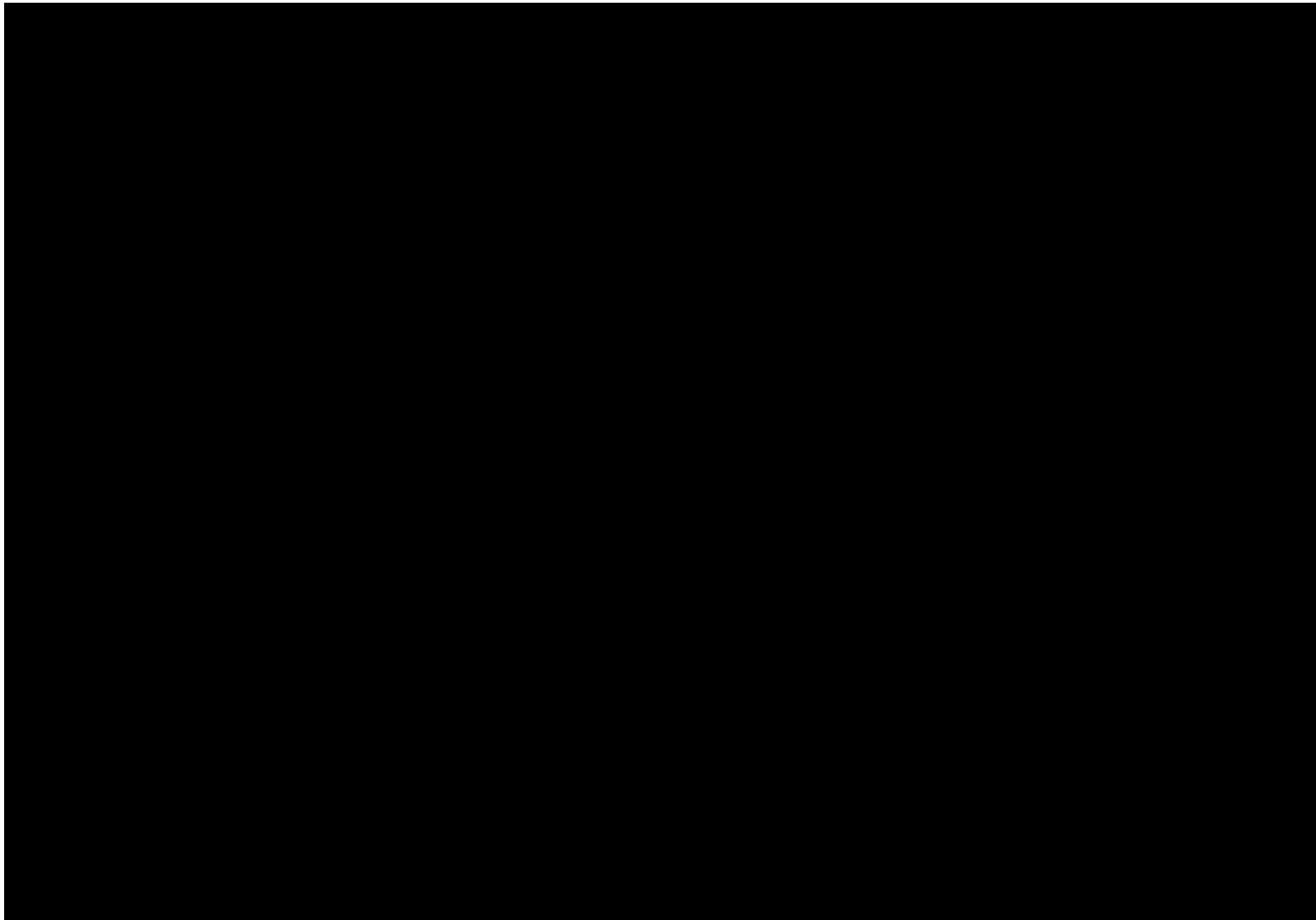


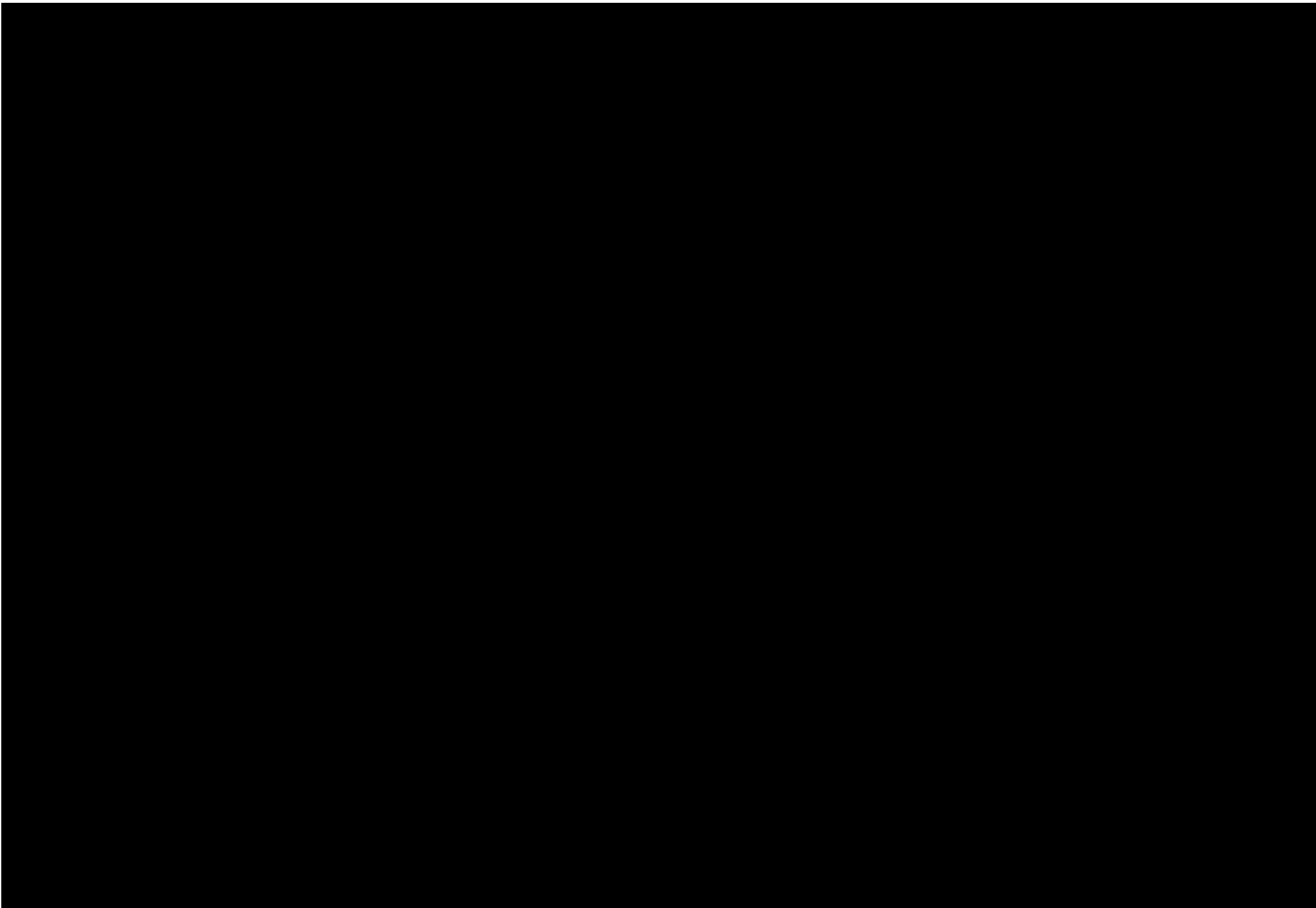




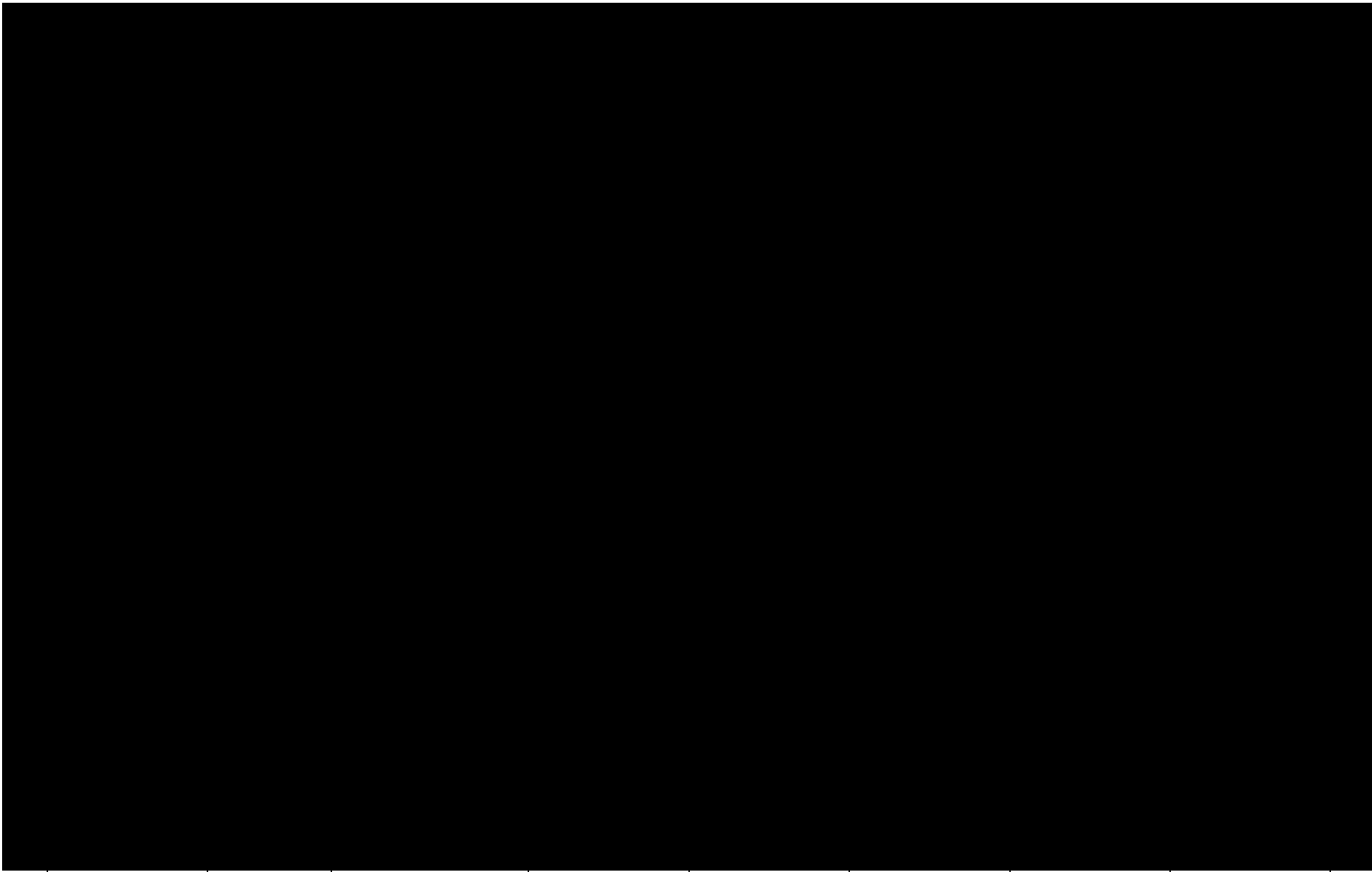


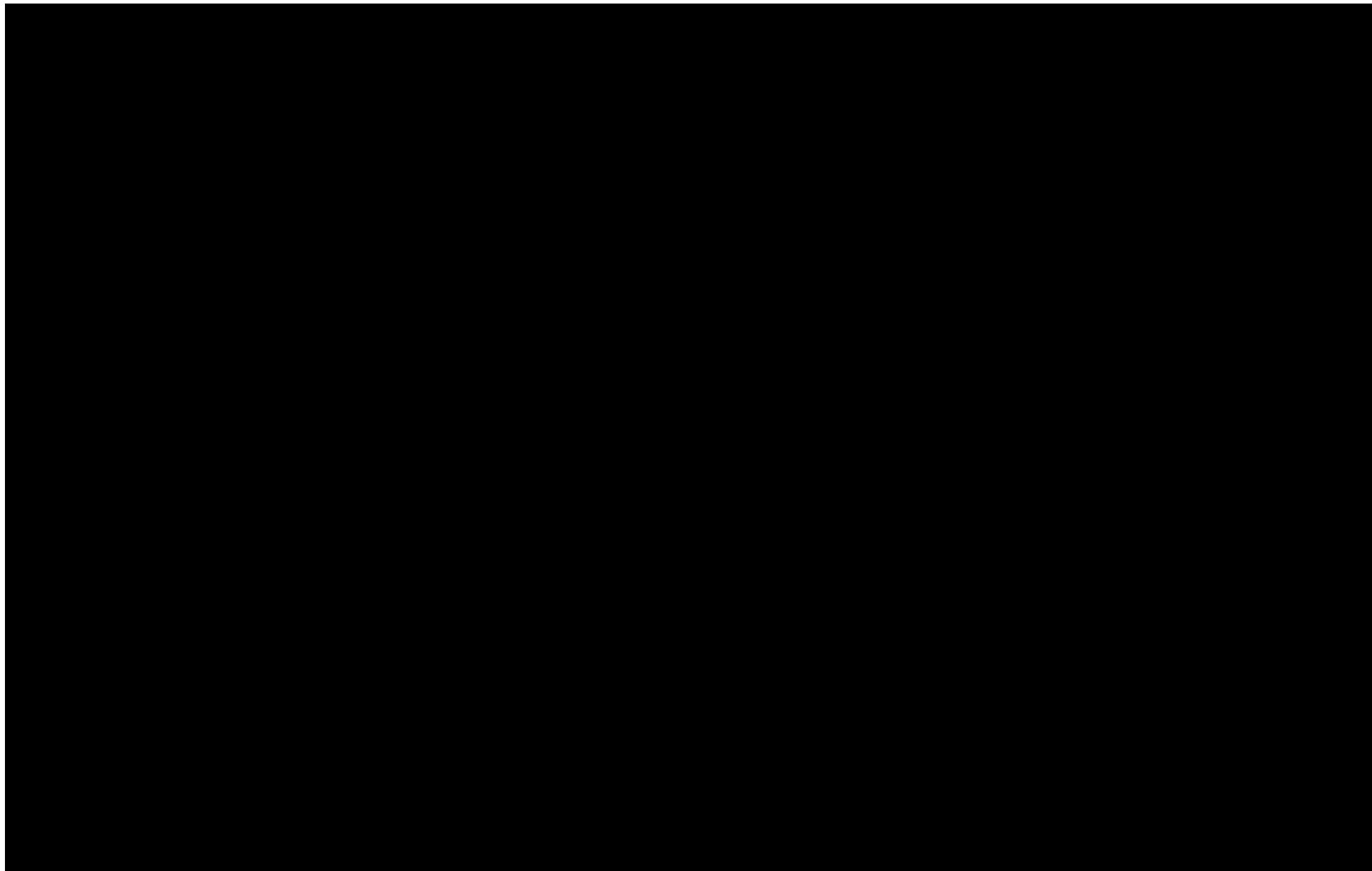


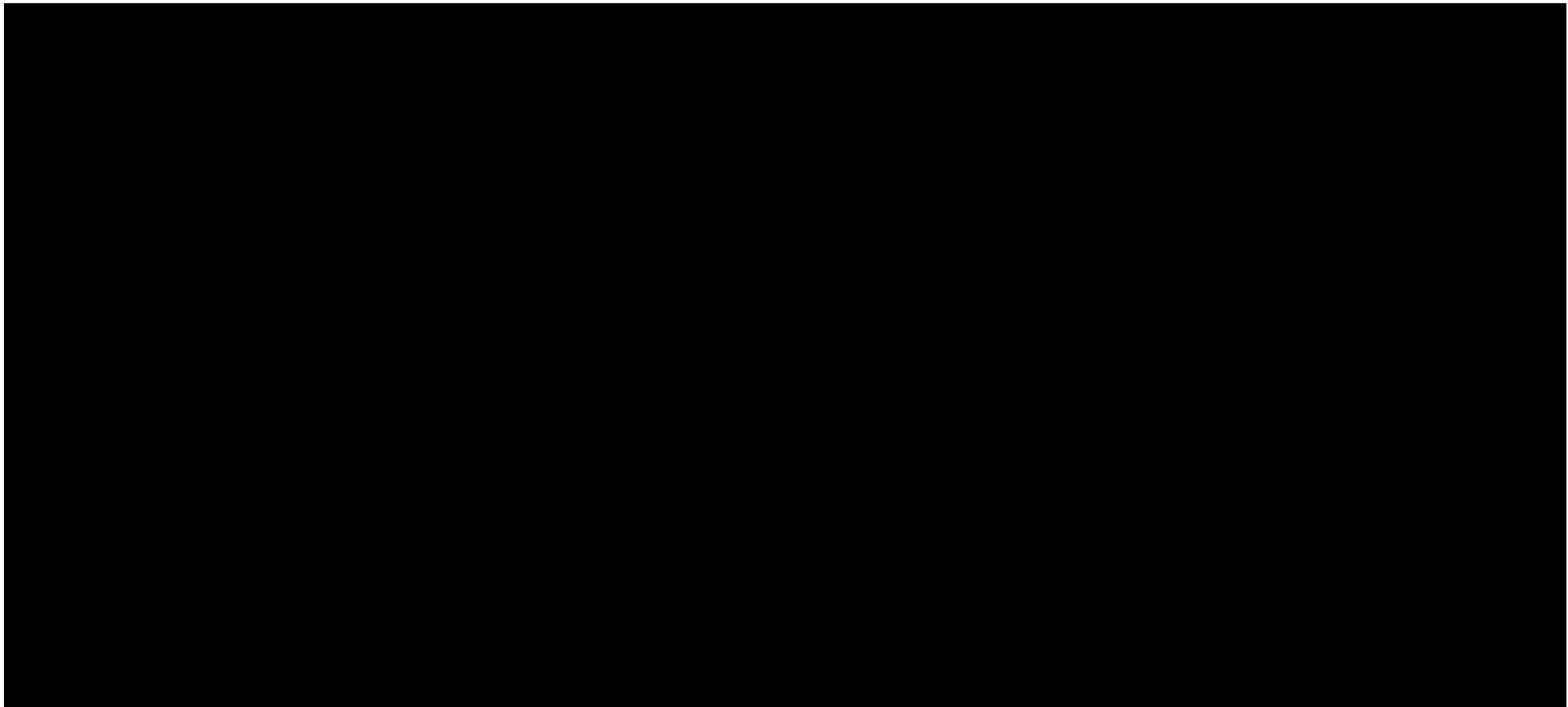












**Section 6.1**

**Conduct of the Business Pending the Closing**

**(a)**

1. None.

**(b)**

**(i)**

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■ [REDACTED]  
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**(iii)**

**(A)(I)**

1. See attached, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

**(A)(II)**

1. See attached.

**(A)(III)**

1. See attached.

**(B)**

1. See attached.

**(C)**

1. See attached.

(iv)

(A)(I)

1. See attached, [REDACTED].

(B)

1. See attached.

(C)

1. See attached.

(v)

(A) – (C)

1. [REDACTED]

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**Section 6.3(g)**

**Regulatory Approvals; Third Party Consents**

- [REDACTED]
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**Section 6.6(a)**

**Indemnification, Exculpation and Insurance**

1. The Indemnification Agreements.

**Section 6.19(b)**

**Interim Period Incentive Bonuses**

(i) [Reserved.];

(ii) [Reserved.];

(b) [Redacted]

(c) [Redacted]

(d) [Redacted]

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**Section 7.1**

**Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of the Parties**

**(e)**

1. Approval pursuant to the HSR Act.

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

■ [REDACTED]

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**BUYER DISCLOSURE SCHEDULES  
TO THE  
STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

by and among

AMBER MSUB LLC,

and

ROBERT B. PINCUS,

solely in his capacity as the Special Master for the United States District Court for the District of  
Delaware

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Dated as of September 19, 2025  
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## BUYER DISCLOSURE SCHEDULES

These Buyer Disclosure Schedules (these “Disclosure Schedules”) are being delivered pursuant to and form part of that certain Stock Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”), dated as of September 19, 2025 by and between Amber MSub LLC (“Buyer”), and Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as special master (the “Special Master”) for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement. The representations and warranties set forth in Article V the Agreement are made and given subject to these Disclosure Schedules.

These Disclosure Schedules are being provided under an order of the Court in the Specified Litigation pursuant to the Sale Procedures Order. The Transactions are being compelled by the Court. Neither the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, nor its subsidiary entities, PDVSA or PDV Holding, Inc. (the “Company”), have approved or endorsed the Transactions as of the date of this Agreement.

The disclosure of any matter in any section of the Buyer Disclosure Schedules shall be deemed to have been disclosed on each other Schedule or section of the Buyer Disclosure Schedules in which it is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure item or the documentation referenced that another disclosure section is also applicable. The disclosure of any matter or item in any schedule shall not be deemed to constitute an acknowledgement that any such matter is required to be disclosed. The inclusion of any matter, information or item in any section of this Disclosure Schedule shall not be deemed to constitute an admission of any liability by the Buyer to any third party or otherwise imply, that any such matter, information or item is material or creates a measure for materiality for the purposes of the Agreement.

The references to any instrument, report or other document shall be deemed to include any and all exhibits, schedules, annexes and other attachments to such document (but shall not include any amendment, modification or supplement unless specifically identified and listed).

In no event shall the listing of any matter in these Disclosure Schedules be deemed or interpreted to expand the scope of the representations, warranties and/or covenants relating to the Buyer that are set forth in the Agreement.

Headings have been inserted herein for convenience of reference only and are not in lieu of their respective definitions in the Agreement, and will not affect the meaning or interpretation of these Disclosure Schedules. All information and disclosures contained herein are made as of the date of the Agreement and their accuracy is confirmed only as of that date and not at any time thereafter, except as otherwise provided in the Agreement.

**Section 1.1(a)**

**Equity Financing Sources**

1. Elliott Associates, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
2. Elliott International, L.P., a Cayman Islands limited partnership
3. Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., acting on behalf of certain funds and accounts managed by it or an affiliate, or one or more entities owned by such funds or accounts
4. Carronade Capital Master, LP
5. Crown/Carronade Segregated Portfolio
6. Rubric Capital Management LP
7. Jefferies Capital Services, LLC
8. Silver Point Capital, L.P., acting on behalf of certain funds and accounts managed by it or an affiliate
9. FM Amber Investments LLC
10. Manifest Energy Transition Company, LLC
11. Gregory J. Goff

**Section 1.1(b)**

**Knowledge of the Buyer**

■ [REDACTED]  
■ [REDACTED]

**Section 5.1**

**Existence and Power**

1. None.

**Section 5.2**

**Authorization**

1. None.

### **Section 5.3**

#### **Governmental Authorization**

1. All notifications and information required to be filed or supplied pursuant to the HSR Act.
2. All notifications and information required to be filed or supplied in Mexico with the competent Mexican merger control authority.
3. All notifications and information required to be filed or supplied in Morocco with the Moroccan Competition Council.
4. All notification and information required to be filed or supplied in the Netherlands with the competent Dutch merger control authority.

**Section 5.4**

**Non-Contravention**

1. None.

**Section 5.5**

**Litigation**

1. None.

**Section 5.6**

**Regulatory Matters**

(a)

1. None.

(b)

1. None.

(c)

1. None.

(d)

1. [REDACTED]

**Section 5.7**

**Financing**

(a)

1. None.

(b)

1. None.

(c)

1. None.

(d)

1. None.

(e)

1. None.

**Section 5.8**

**Solvency**

1. None

**Section 5.9**

**Purported Equity Pledge**

1. None.

**Section 5.10**

**Claim Obligations**

1. \$2,009,272,932.70<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Note to Draft: Amount calculated as of August 29, 2025. Amount due shall include all interest that has accrued in connection with the Specified Litigation Claims from August 29, 2025 until the date hereof.

**Section 5.11**

**Closing Consideration**

1. None.

**Section 5.12**

**No Additional Representations**

(a)

1. None.

(b)

1. None.

**Form of Release**

**Agreed Form**

[●], 2025

Special Master  
PO Box 4570

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**RE: CLOSING RELEASE**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the case of Crystallex International Corp. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (D. Del. Case. No. 17-151-LPS) to which each of Rusoro Mining Ltd., Koch Minerals Sarl and Koch Nitrogen International Sarl (each a “Record Holder”) is a party (or a successor in interest of a party), (b) the respective judgments entered in favor of, or assigned to the Record Holders on [●] (each, a “Claim”) as a creditor of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela or PDVSA, (c) that certain Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of [●], 2025 (the “Agreement”), by and between Amber MSub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Buyer”) and Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as special master (the “Special Master”) for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) and (d) the deposit made by the Buyer with Acquiom Clearinghouse LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in its capacity as escrow agent (the “Escrow Agent”), of \$50,000,000 (such amount, the “Deposit Amount”) in cash, pursuant to the terms of that certain Escrow Agreement, dated as of [●], 2025, by and among the Special Master, the Buyer and the Escrow Agent. Capitalized terms used in this letter agreement (this “Release Letter”) without definition have the respective meanings given to them in the Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 3.4(e) of the Agreement, the Buyer and the Record Holders have agreed to pay, at the Closing, an amount equal to the Credit Bid Amount by means of a credit against such amounts due and owing under the Claims owed to the Record Holders effective immediately upon the Closing. The Buyer and the Record Holders hereby deliver to the Special Master this Release Letter in accordance with Section 2.3(b)(ii) of the Agreement.

In our capacity as the Record Holders and the Buyer we hereby confirm that the (a) obligations of PDVSA or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (together, the “Venezuela Parties”), as the case may be, to the Record Holder relating to or arising out of the Claims, including principal, accrued interest, costs, expenses and fees for an amount equal to the Claims (the “Forfeited Claim Amount”) are hereby deemed satisfied, (b) all commitments and other agreements and obligations of the Venezuela Parties to the Record Holders related to or arising out of the Claims are hereby irrevocably terminated (without recourse and without representation or warranty of any kind (either express or implied)) with no further action on the part of the Venezuela Parties, the Special Master, the Record Holders or the Buyer and (c) all guarantees provided by the Venezuela Parties to each of the Record Holders relating to their respective Claim are hereby irrevocably terminated (without recourse and without representation or warranty of any kind (either express or implied)) with no further action on the part of the Venezuela Parties,

the Special Master, the Record Holder and (d) any security interest or Lien granted to the Record Holder from the Venezuela Parties to secure the Claims (collectively, the “Existing Liens”) are hereby irrevocably terminated.

The Record Holder and the Buyer hereby authorize (a) the Special Master to direct the Venezuela Parties or the Company to file or send, as applicable, and (b) the Venezuela Parties or the Company to file or send, as applicable, UCC-3 termination statements with respect to the Existing Liens. By its signature below, each of the Record Holders and the Buyer hereby agrees that such Record Holder and the Buyer will, at its sole cost and expense, execute, as applicable, and deliver to the Venezuela Parties, the Company and the Special Master any such additional lien releases, discharges of security interests, pledges and guarantees, and other similar discharge or release documents, and take such further actions as are reasonably requested, in each case, to release the Existing Liens.

If any term or other provision of this Release Letter is invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced by any Law or public policy, all other terms or provisions of this Release Letter shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereunder is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party hereto. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Release Letter so as to effect the original intent of the parties hereto as closely as possible in an acceptable manner such that the transactions contemplated hereunder are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the internal Laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any Laws (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware and without regard to any borrowing statute that would result in the application of the statutes of limitations or repose of any other jurisdiction. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Laws of the State of Delaware will control even if under such jurisdiction’s choice of law or conflict of law analysis, the substantive or procedural law of some other jurisdiction would ordinarily or necessarily apply.

Without limiting the right of any party hereto to appeal any Order of the Court, (a) the Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Release Letter and to decide any dispute which may arise or result from, or be connected with, this Release Letter, any breach or default hereunder, or the transactions contemplated hereunder, and (b) any and all proceedings related to the foregoing shall be filed and maintained only in the Court, and the parties hereto hereby consent to and submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Court.

This Release Letter may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Release Letter constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. This Release Letter shall become effective when it has been executed by the Buyer and the Record Holder, and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and

their respective successors and permitted assigns. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Release Letter by facsimile or by email as a “.pdf” or “.tif” attachment shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Release Letter.

To the extent there exists a conflict between the terms and provisions of this Release Letter and the Agreement, the terms and provisions of the Agreement will control.

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Very truly yours,

Amber MSub LLC, as the Buyer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: [●]

Title: [●]

Koch Minerals Sarl, as Record Holder

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: [●]

Title: [●]

Koch Nitrogen International Sarl, as  
Record Holder

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: [●]

Title: [●]

Rusoro Mining Ltd., as Record Holder

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: [●]

Title: [●]

*Agreed Form*  
Confidential

## ESCROW AGREEMENT

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is entered into and effective this [•] day of [•], 2025, by and among Acquiom Clearinghouse LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Escrow Agent”), Amber MSub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Buyer”)<sup>1</sup> and Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as special master for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “Special Master” and together with the Buyer, the “Parties”), in connection with that certain Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of [•], 2025 (the “Purchase Agreement”), by and between the Buyer and the Special Master. As between the Parties, capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Purchase Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Buyer and the Special Master have entered into the Purchase Agreement on [•], 2025;

WHEREAS, the Buyer, the Special Master and Acquiom Financial LLC (the “Paying Agent”) have entered into that certain Payments Administration Agreement (the “Paying Agent Agreement”), dated on or about the date hereof, pursuant to which the Paying Agent has established an account (the “Paying Account”) for the purpose of receiving funds disbursed from the Escrow Accounts (as defined below) pursuant to this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Buyer and the Special Master desire for the Escrow Agent to open two separate, distinct and non-commingled escrow accounts into which the Buyer will deposit (or cause to be deposited), funds to be held and disbursed in accordance with this Escrow Agreement;

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the Buyer shall deposit \$50,000,000.00 (the “Deposit Amount”) by wire transfer of immediately available funds with the Escrow Agent as provided by the Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on the Closing Date, the Buyer shall deposit (or cause to be deposited) an amount in cash equal to the Expense Reserve Holdback Amount (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) by wire transfer of immediately available funds (the “Holdback Escrow Funds”, and together with the Deposit Amount, the “Escrow Funds”) with the Escrow Agent for the purpose of establishing a separate source of funds to secure and satisfy the Special Master’s compensation and out-of-pocket costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Special Master pursuant to Section 3.4(c) of the Purchase Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### **I. Terms and Conditions**

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<sup>1</sup> **Note to Bidder:** Prior to the entry of the Escrow Agreement, the Escrow Agent will require the Buyer to complete a KYC via an electronic questionnaire. A link to the electronic questionnaire will be sent to the Buyer’s desired contact person.

1.1 Appointment of the Escrow Agent. Buyer and the Special Master hereby appoint the Escrow Agent as their escrow agent, and the Escrow Agent hereby accepts its duties as provided herein.

1.2 Deposit Escrow Account (Deposits). Immediately following the execution of this Agreement, the Buyer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, the Deposit Amount by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the Escrow Agent using the wire instructions set forth on Schedule I. As promptly as practicable following receipt of the Deposit Amount, the Escrow Agent shall deposit the Deposit Amount into a separate, distinct and non-commingled interest bearing escrow account, insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) established by the Escrow Agent to hold the Deposit Amount (the “Deposit Escrow Account”). The Escrow Agent shall maintain the Deposit Escrow Account as set forth on Exhibit B. The Deposit Amount shall not be used for any purposes other than as set forth in this Escrow Agreement and the Purchase Agreement.

1.3 Deposit Escrow Account (Disbursements). The Escrow Agent shall retain the Deposit Amount in the Deposit Escrow Account and shall not make any disbursement of all or any portion of the Deposit Amount except in accordance with the following Sections 1.3.1, 1.3.2 and 1.3.3:

1.3.1

(a) If the Closing occurs, then in accordance with Section 3.3(a) of the Purchase Agreement, the Buyer and the Special Master shall deliver to the Escrow Agent joint written instructions signed by an authorized representative of the Buyer listed on Exhibit A-1 hereto and the Special Master (“Joint Instructions”) to disburse the Deposit Amount to the Paying Account by wire transfer of immediately available funds out of the Deposit Escrow Account, and the Escrow Agent shall promptly (and, in any event within two (2) Business Days) after the receipt of the Joint Instructions, disburse the Deposit Amount in accordance with and as specified in such Joint Instructions. The Joint Instructions shall specify the amount of funds to be disbursed from the Deposit Escrow Account and shall identify the payee to whom the disbursement shall be made, which shall be either the Buyer or the Paying Account. For purposes of this Agreement, “Business Day” shall mean any day of the year other than (a) a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday in the United States or (b) a day on which national banking institutions in New York, New York are required or authorized to close.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, all withholding and tax reporting (other than tax reporting of interest income earned with respect to the Escrow Earnings) of amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement shall be governed exclusively by the Paying Agent Agreement, and in no event shall the Escrow Agent withhold tax from any amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement. Buyer acknowledges and agrees that no withholding applies to any payments of Closing Consideration paid pursuant to this Agreement under Chapter 3 or Chapter 4 of the Code.

1.3.2 If the Purchase Agreement is terminated as a result of a Deposit Forfeiture Termination Event, then pursuant to Section 3.3(b) of the Purchase Agreement, the Buyer and the Special Master shall promptly (and in any event within five (5) Business

Days of such termination) deliver Joint Instructions to the Escrow Agent, directing the release of (a) the Deposit Amount to the Paying Account in accordance with the wire instructions set forth on Schedule I, and the Escrow Agent shall promptly (and, in any event within two (2) Business Days) after the receipt of the Joint Instructions, release the Deposit Amount in accordance with and as specified in such Joint Instructions and (b) the balance of the Deposit Escrow Account after giving effect to the distribution described in the immediately preceding clause (a) to the Buyer in accordance with the wire instructions provided by the Buyer in such Joint Instruction. The Escrow Agent shall release the balance of the Deposit Escrow Account as described in the immediately preceding clause (b) within two (2) Business Days from the receipt of the Joint Instructions.

1.3.3 If the Purchase Agreement is terminated for any reason other than a Deposit Forfeiture Termination Event, then pursuant to Section 3.3(c) of the Purchase Agreement, the Buyer and the Special Master shall promptly (and in any event within two (2) Business Days of such termination) deliver Joint Instructions to the Escrow Agent directing the release of the balance of the Deposit Escrow Account to the Buyer or its designees, and the Escrow Agent shall promptly (and, in any event within two (2) Business Days) after the receipt of the Joint Instructions, disburse the Deposit Amount in accordance with and as specified in such Joint Instructions.

1.4 Holdback Escrow Account (Deposits). At the Closing, and in accordance with Section 3.4(c) of the Purchase Agreement, the Buyer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, the Expense Reserve Holdback Amount by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the Escrow Agent using the wire instructions set forth on Schedule I. As promptly as practicable following receipt of any portion of the Holdback Escrow Funds, the Escrow Agent shall deposit such portion of the Holdback Escrow Funds into a separate, distinct and non-commingled escrow account established by the Escrow Agent (the “Holdback Escrow Account”, and together with the Deposit Escrow Account, the “Escrow Accounts”). The Escrow Agent shall maintain the Holdback Escrow Account as set forth on Exhibit B. No Holdback Escrow Funds shall be used for any other purposes other than as set forth in this Escrow Agreement and the Purchase Agreement.

1.5 Holdback Escrow Account (Disbursements). After the Closing occurs and subject to Section 3.4(c) of the Purchase Agreement, at any time and from time to time, within two (2) Business Days from the receipt of the Special Master’s written instructions, signed by the Special Master (“Special Master Instructions”), the Escrow Agent shall disburse the Holdback Escrow Funds (or a portion of such funds) held in the Holdback Escrow Account as instructed in such Special Master Instructions and this Section 1.5. The Special Master Instructions shall specify the amount of funds to be disbursed from the Holdback Escrow Account to the Paying Account. Disbursements of funds from the Holdback Escrow Account shall be made in accordance with the payment instructions set forth in such Special Master Instructions.

1.6 Escrow Earnings. All interest and income from the investment of the Escrow Funds (the “Escrow Earnings”) shall become part of the Escrow Funds and shall be re-invested and disbursed as part of the Escrow Funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## II. Provisions as to the Escrow Agent

2.1 This Agreement expressly and exclusively sets forth the duties of the Escrow Agent with respect to any and all matters pertinent hereto and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against the Escrow Agent. In performing its duties and obligations under this Agreement, or upon the claimed failure to perform such duties or obligations, the Escrow Agent shall have no liability in connection herewith except for the Escrow Agent's fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence. In no event shall the Escrow Agent be liable hereunder for incidental, indirect, special, consequential or punitive damages of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits), even if the Escrow Agent has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action. The Escrow Agent shall have no liability with respect to the transfer or distribution of any funds effected by the Escrow Agent pursuant to wiring or transfer instructions provided to the Escrow Agent in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Any wire transfers of funds made by the Escrow Agent pursuant to this Agreement will be made subject to and in accordance with the Escrow Agent's usual and ordinary wire transfer procedures in effect from time to time, including without limitation call-back procedures. The Escrow Agent's inability to receive or confirm funds transfer instructions pursuant to such security procedures may result in a delay in accomplishing such funds transfer and the Parties agree that the Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any loss caused by any such delay, other than as a result of the Escrow Agent's fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence. No provision of this Agreement shall require the Escrow Agent to risk or advance its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in connection with this Agreement. The Escrow Agent shall not be obligated to take any legal action or to commence any proceedings in connection with the performance of this Agreement or any property held hereunder or to appear in, prosecute or defend in any such legal action or proceedings.

2.2 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Escrow Agent, the Buyer and the Special Master in connection with the subject matter of this Agreement, and no other agreement entered into between the Buyer and the Special Master, or either of them, including, without limitation, the Purchase Agreement, shall be considered as adopted or binding, in whole or in part, upon the Escrow Agent; *provided*, that to the extent there exists a conflict between the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the Purchase Agreement, solely as between the Buyer and the Special Master, the terms and provisions of the Purchase Agreement will control.

2.3 Except in cases of the Escrow Agent's fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence, the Escrow Agent shall be protected in acting upon any written instructions, notice, request or instrument which the Escrow Agent in good faith reasonably believes to be genuine and what it purports to be. The Escrow Agent may consult with nationally recognized outside legal counsel with expertise in the matter at issue in the event of any dispute or question as to the construction of any of the provisions hereof or its duties hereunder, and it shall incur no liability and shall be fully protected in acting reasonably and in good faith in accordance with the advice of such counsel.

2.4 In the event of any disagreement between the Buyer and the Special Master, or between either or both of them and any other person, resulting in adverse claims or demands being made in connection with the matters covered by this Agreement, or in the event that the Escrow

Agent reasonably and in good faith is in doubt as to what action it should take hereunder, the Escrow Agent may, at its option, refuse to comply with any such claims or demands on it, or refuse to take any other action hereunder (but only for so long as such disagreement continues or such reasonable doubt exists), and in any such event, the Escrow Agent shall not be or become liable in any way or to any party for its failure or refusal to act (absent the Escrow Agent's fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence), and the Escrow Agent shall be entitled to continue to refrain from acting until (i) the rights of the Buyer and the Special Master and all other interested persons shall have been fully and finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction or (ii) all disagreements been adjudged and all reasonable doubt resolved by agreement among the Buyer and the Special Master and all other interested persons, and the Escrow Agent shall have been notified thereof in writing signed by the Buyer and the Special Master. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Escrow Agent may in its reasonable discretion obey the order, judgment, decree or levy of any court of competent jurisdiction or of an agency of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, or of any agency of any State of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof having authority over the Escrow Agent, and the Escrow Agent is hereby authorized in its reasonable discretion, to comply with and obey any such orders, judgments, decrees or levies and it shall not be liable to any of the Parties or to any other person, firm or corporation, by reason of such compliance notwithstanding such writ, order or decree being subsequently reversed, modified, annulled, set aside or vacated. The rights of the Escrow Agent under this Section 2.4 are cumulative of all other rights which it may have by Law (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) or otherwise.

2.5 The Buyer agrees to indemnify the Escrow Agent from and against any and all reasonable, documented and out-of-pocket losses, liabilities and expenses (collectively, "Losses") which the Escrow Agent incurs in connection with its performance under this Agreement; *provided*, that the Escrow Agent shall not be entitled to indemnity with respect to Losses that have been finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been caused by the Escrow Agent's fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall the Buyer or the Special Master be liable for incidental, indirect, special, consequential or punitive damages of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits) of the Escrow Agent, even if such Party has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action; *provided*, this sentence shall not prejudice the Escrow Agent's right to be indemnified by the Buyer for Losses paid by the Escrow Agent to third parties. This Section 2.5 shall survive the termination of this Agreement and any resignation or removal of the Escrow Agent.

2.6 Any entity into which the Escrow Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any entity to which all or substantially all of the escrow business of the Escrow Agent may be transferred, shall be the Escrow Agent under this Agreement without further act, and the Escrow Agent (or its successor) shall provide prompt written notice of such transfer to Buyer and the Special Master.

2.7 The Escrow Agent may resign and be discharged at any time from its duties or obligations hereunder by providing written notice to the Buyer and the Special Master. In addition, the Buyer and the Special Master may jointly terminate, with or without cause, this Agreement by providing written notice to the Escrow Agent. Such resignation or termination shall be effective on the date set forth in such written notice, which shall be no earlier than thirty (30) days after such

written notice has been furnished. The Buyer and the Special Master shall promptly appoint a mutually agreeable successor escrow agent following receipt or delivery, as applicable, of any such notice of resignation or termination (as applicable). In the event no successor escrow agent has been appointed on or prior to the date such resignation or termination is to become effective, (i) the Escrow Agent shall be entitled to tender into the custody of any court of competent jurisdiction all Escrow Funds and other property (if any) then held by the Escrow Agent and shall thereupon be relieved of all further duties and obligations under this Agreement and (ii) the Buyer and the Special Master (or either of them acting alone) may apply to the Court for the appointment of a successor escrow agent or other appropriate relief. The Escrow Agent shall have no responsibility for the appointment of a successor escrow agent hereunder.

### **III. Compensation of the Escrow Agent**

3.1 The Escrow Agent hereby acknowledges and agrees that no fees, expenses or other compensation for the Escrow Agent's services as contemplated by this Agreement will be payable by the Parties, as set forth on Exhibit B hereto. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, and for the avoidance of doubt, the Special Master will not be responsible for any fees or other liabilities in connection with this Agreement.

### **IV. Miscellaneous**

4.1 During the term of this Agreement, the Escrow Funds shall be deposited as indicated in Exhibit B. Any interest will accrue on the Escrow Funds deposits, beginning the day immediately following the day the Escrow Funds deposits are received, based on the daily average balances of the Escrow Funds so held in the Escrow Accounts. Any interest will be credited monthly and become part of the Escrow Funds. Deposits into the Escrow Accounts are insured, subject to the applicable rules and regulations of the FDIC, in the standard FDIC insurance amount of \$ [REDACTED], including principal and accrued interest, and are not secured. The Escrow Agent or its affiliates may receive compensation from third parties based on balances deposited in the Escrow Accounts.

4.2 The Buyer and the Special Master agree that, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, for U.S. federal, state and local income tax purposes, the Buyer shall be treated as the owner of the Escrow Funds until such funds are released in accordance with this Agreement and all Escrow Earnings shall be reported as having been earned by the Buyer for U.S. federal, state and local income tax purposes as of the end of the calendar year in which it was earned, whether or not such income was disbursed during such calendar year, to the extent required by the United States Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), on IRS Form 1099 (or other appropriate form as required by U.S. Law of the Escrow Agent). Upon Joint Instructions delivered to the Escrow Agent by the Buyer and the Special Master and within ten (10) days following the end of each calendar quarter, the Escrow Agent shall release and disburse to any account or accounts designated by the Buyer from the Escrow Funds held in the Escrow Accounts an amount equal to twenty-one (21%) percent of the Escrow Earnings earned since the preceding calendar quarter on the Escrow Funds held in the Escrow Accounts (if any). Any residual interest that posts after the final distribution of the Escrow Funds shall be delivered (i) to the Buyer in an amount equal to twenty-one (21%) percent of the amount of such residual interests and (ii), with respect to any amounts in excess of the amount distributed to the Buyer under clause (i), to the Paying Account in accordance with the

wire instructions set forth on Schedule I or as otherwise set forth in Joint Instructions. On or before the execution and delivery of this Agreement, each of the Buyer and the Special Master shall provide to the Escrow Agent a correct, duly completed, dated and executed current IRS Form W-9 or Form W-8, whichever is appropriate, or any successor forms thereto, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Escrow Agent (which such forms the Escrow Agent shall be permitted to transmit to the depository institution where the Escrow Funds are held) including appropriate supporting documentation and/or any other form, document, and/or certificate required or reasonably requested by the Escrow Agent to validate the form provided. Except for the delivery and filing of tax information reporting forms required pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to be delivered and filed with the IRS by the Escrow Agent, as escrow agent hereunder, or by the institution where the Escrow Accounts are held, the Escrow Agent shall have no duty to prepare or file any Federal or state tax report or return with respect to any funds held pursuant to this Agreement or any income earned thereon.

4.3 The Escrow Agent shall provide monthly reports of transactions and balances to the Buyer and the Special Master as of the end of each month, until the disbursement of all Escrow Funds. This Agreement shall terminate upon the earlier to occur of (x) final disbursement of all Escrow Funds in accordance with this Agreement or (y) delivery to the Escrow Agent of a written notice of termination executed jointly by the Buyer and the Special Master, in each case, after which this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect except that the provisions of Sections 2.5, 4.4, 4.5, 4.9 and 4.13 shall survive termination.

4.4 Any notice, request for consent, report, or any other communication required or permitted in this Agreement, including the monthly reports described in Section 4.3, shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given when delivered (i) personally, (ii) by facsimile transmission with written confirmation of receipt, (iii) by electronic mail to the email address given below, and email confirmation of receipt is obtained promptly after completion of the transmission, (iv) by overnight delivery with a reputable national overnight delivery service, or (v) by United States mail, postage prepaid, or by certified mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, in each case to the appropriate address set forth below or at such other address as any party hereto may have furnished to the other parties hereto in writing:

If to the Escrow Agent:

Acquiom Clearinghouse LLC  
950 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1400  
Denver, CO 80202

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

If to the Buyer:

Amber MSub LLC  
c/o Elliott Investment Management L.P.  
360 S. Rosemary Ave, 18th Floor

West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
Attention: Mike Tomkins  
Email: mtomkins@elliottmgmt.com,  
egreenberg@elliottmgmt.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
One Bryant Park  
New York, NY 10036  
Attention: Project Horizon  
Email: HorizonAkinCore@akingump.com

If to the Special Master:

Robert B. Pincus in his capacity as Special  
Master for the United States District Court for the District of Delaware

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

With a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel to the Special Master  
767 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10153  
Email: Horizon.Notice@weil.com

Any party may unilaterally designate a different address by giving notice of each change in the manner specified above to each other party.

4.5 This Agreement (including any claims, issues, controversies or matters arising hereunder, whether arising in law, contract, tort or equity) shall be governed by and construed according to the Laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to conflicts of laws rules or principles. Except as otherwise permitted herein, neither this Agreement nor any rights or obligations hereunder may be assigned by any party hereto without the express written consent of each of the other parties hereto. This Agreement shall inure to and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors, heirs and permitted assigns. EACH PARTY AND THE ESCROW AGENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY RELATED CLAIM IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE EACH SUCH PARTY AND THE ESCROW AGENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT SUCH PARTY OR THE ESCROW AGENT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH LEGAL PROCEEDING OR RELATED CLAIM. EACH PARTY AND THE ESCROW AGENT CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT: (I) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY OR THE ESCROW AGENT HAS REPRESENTED,

EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY OR THE ESCROW AGENT WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF SUCH LEGAL PROCEEDING, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER; (II) IT UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER; (III) IT MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY AND (IV) IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 4.5.

4.6 The terms of this Agreement may be altered, amended, modified or revoked only by an instrument in writing signed by all the parties hereto. No course of conduct shall constitute a waiver of any terms or conditions of this Agreement, unless such waiver is specified in writing, and then only to the extent so specified. A waiver of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement on one occasion shall not constitute a waiver of the other terms of this Agreement, or of such terms and conditions on any other occasion.

4.7 If any provision of this Agreement shall be held or deemed to be or shall in fact, be illegal, inoperative or unenforceable, the same shall not affect any other provision or provisions herein contained or render the same invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatsoever.

4.8 This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Buyer, the Special Master and the Escrow Agent, and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement. The Escrow Agent shall have the right to perform any of its duties hereunder through its affiliates, agents, attorneys, custodians or nominees; *provided*, that such right shall not relieve the Escrow Agent of any of its duties or obligations hereunder.

4.9 No party to this Agreement shall be liable to any other party hereto for losses due to, or if it is unable to perform its obligations under the terms of this Agreement because of, acts of God, fire, war, terrorism, floods, strikes, electrical outages, equipment or transmission failure, or other causes reasonably beyond its control.

4.10 All titles and headings in this Agreement are intended solely for convenience of reference and shall in no way limit or otherwise affect the interpretation of any of the provisions hereof.

4.11 This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Counterparts may be delivered via electronic mail (including pdf or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, e.g., [www.docusign.com](http://www.docusign.com)) or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.

4.12 Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and, if necessary, from time to time thereafter, each of the Parties shall execute and deliver to the Escrow Agent a Certificate of Incumbency substantially in the forms of Exhibit A-1 and A-2 hereto, respectively (each, a “Certificate of Incumbency”) for the purpose of establishing the identity and authority of persons entitled to issue notices, instructions or directions to the Escrow Agent on

behalf of the applicable Party. Until such time as the Escrow Agent receives from a Party a new Certificate of Incumbency replacing the most recent Certificate of Incumbency theretofore delivered to the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent shall be fully protected in relying, without further inquiry, on the most recent Certificate of Incumbency furnished to the Escrow Agent. Whenever this Agreement provides for joint written notices, joint written instructions or other joint actions to be delivered to the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent shall be fully protected in relying, without further inquiry, on any joint written notice, instructions or action executed by persons named in such Certificate of Incumbency.

4.13 The Buyer and the Escrow Agent agree that in no circumstance shall the Special Master or his Representatives (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) be personally or otherwise liable for any amounts or obligations owed to the Buyer, and the Special Master and his Representatives are acting as an arm of the Court (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) and are entitled to judicial immunity in the performance of their duties in connection herewith.

4.14 Following the date hereof, each Party and the Escrow Agent shall deliver to the other Parties or the Escrow Agent, as applicable, such further information and documents and shall execute and deliver to the other Parties or the Escrow Agent, as applicable, such further instruments and agreements as any other Party or the Escrow Agent, as applicable, shall reasonably request to consummate or confirm the transactions provided for herein, to accomplish the purpose hereof or to assure to any other Party or the Escrow Agent, as applicable, the benefits hereof.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT:**

**To help the U.S. Government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal Law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. When a party opens an account, the Escrow Agent will ask for each party's name, address, date of birth, or other appropriate information that will allow the Escrow Agent to identify such party. The Escrow Agent may also ask to see each party's driver's license or other identifying documents.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

ACQUIOM CLEARINGHOUSE LLC, as the Escrow  
Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

AMBER MSUB LLC, as the Buyer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

ROBERT B. PINCUS, solely in his capacity as the  
Special Master

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**EXHIBIT A-1**

**Certificate of Incumbency  
(List of Authorized Representatives)**

Client Name: AMBER MSUB LLC

As an authorized officer of the above referenced entity, I hereby certify that each person listed below is an authorized signer for such entity, and that the title and signature appearing beside each name is true and correct.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Alt. Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been executed by a duly authorized officer on:<sup>2</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>2</sup> **Note to Draft:** The specimen signature page of each authorized signer (including those delivered in counterpart) must include the signature of the witnessing authorized officer. It is permissible for an authorized signer to witness and date his/her own signature if such signer is also an authorized officer of the referenced entity.

**EXHIBIT A-2**

**Certificate of Incumbency**

Client Name: ROBERT B. PINCUS, solely in his capacity as the Special Master

In my capacity as the Special Master, I hereby certify that the signature appearing beside my name is true and correct.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Alt. Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been executed by the Special Master on:

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Date

**SCHEDULE I**

WIRE TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

[Date]

[Via Email]

[Via Fax]

Acquiom Clearinghouse LLC

950 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1400

Denver, CO 80202

Attention:

Telephone:

Facsimile:

E-mail:

RE: [Buyer Representative] and Special Master – Escrow Agreement, dated [●], 2025 Escrow Account number [xxxxxxxxx].

Reference is hereby made to that certain Escrow Agreement, dated [●], 2025 by and among Acquiom Clearinghouse LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as the Escrow Agent, Amber MSub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as special master for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “Escrow Agreement”)

Capitalized terms in this letter that are not otherwise defined shall have the same meaning given to them in the Escrow Agreement.

Pursuant to Section [●] of the Escrow Agreement, the Parties hereby instruct the Escrow Agent to release [\$] to the specified party or parties as instructed below from Escrow Account number [xxxxxxxxx]

[BANK NAME]

ABA #:

Account Name:

Bank Address:

Beneficiary Name:

Beneficiary Account #:

Reference:

Attention:

Thank you.

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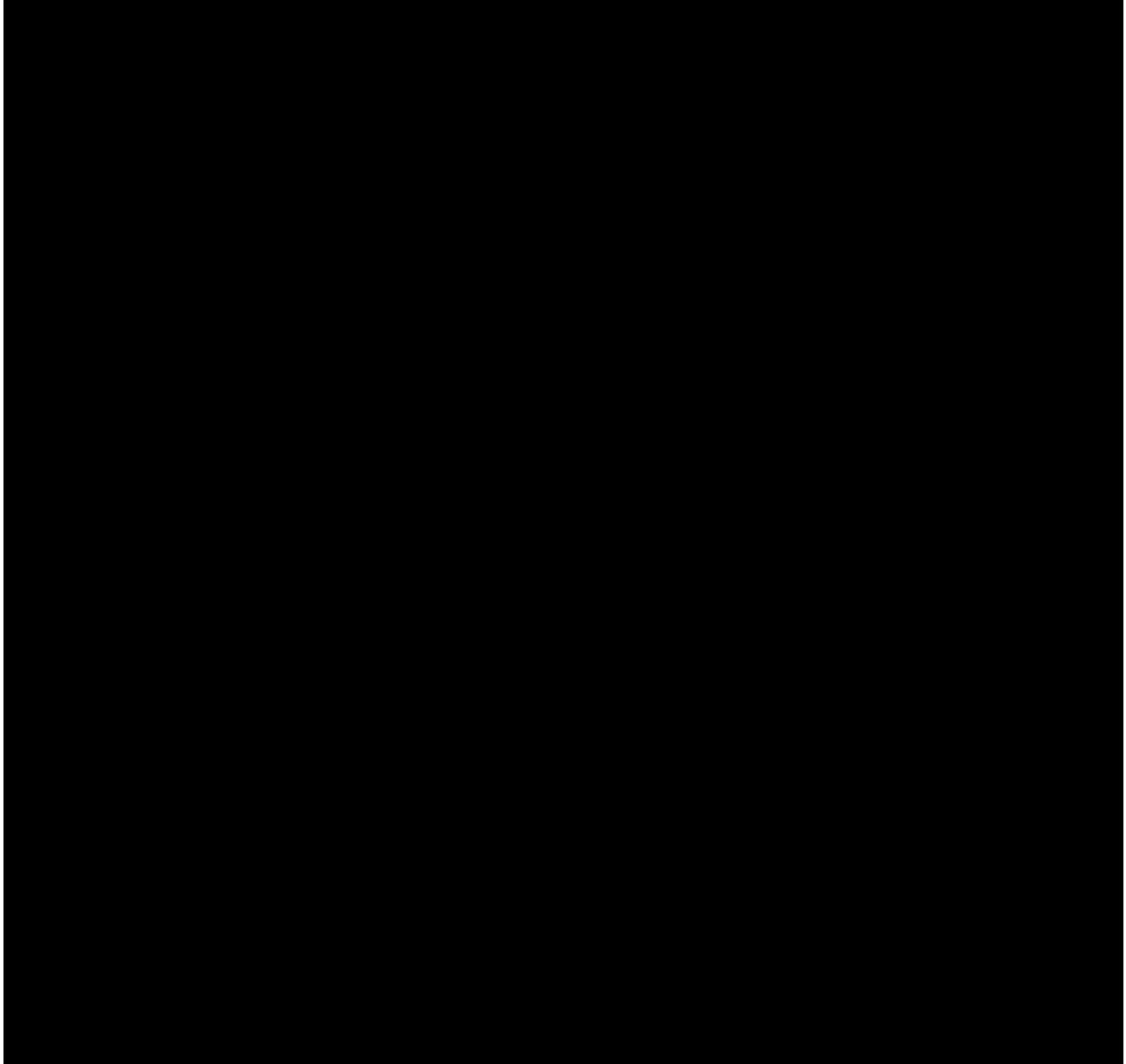
[Buyer Representative]

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Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as the Special Master

**EXHIBIT B**

**SCHEDULE OF ESCROW AGENT FEES**



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<sup>3</sup> **Note to Draft:** The final interest rate will be determined based on the aggregate amounts to be held in escrow.

## PAYMENTS ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

This Payments Administration Agreement (this “Agreement”) is entered into as of [●], 2025 by and among Amber MSub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Buyer”), Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as special master (the “Special Master” and together with Buyer, the “Parties”) for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”), and Acquiom Financial LLC, a Colorado limited liability company (in its capacity as the payments administrator, “Agent”), in connection with the Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of [ ], 2025 (as may be amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified in accordance with its terms, the “Purchase Agreement”), by and between Buyer and the Special Master, which contemplates the sale of all of the issued and outstanding capital stock (the “Shares”) of PDV Holding, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”) to Buyer. This Agreement is entered into for the benefit of the creditors who are party to the case of *Crystallex International Corp. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela* (D. Del. Case. No. 17-151-LPS) and have obtained a writ of attachment on or before January 12, 2024 (a “Claim”) and such Claim is secured by a valid and duly perfected lien on the Shares (collectively, the “Creditors”, and together with the Expense Amount Recipients (as defined below), collectively, “Payees”). Solely as between the Parties, capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the respective meanings given to such terms in the Purchase Agreement.

1. **Appointment.** The Parties hereby engage Agent as the payments administrator concerning the Account (as defined below) for the purposes set forth herein, and Agent hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to perform the services set forth herein.
2. **Account; Fees.** The Special Master (or its counsel or designee) will advise Agent of the closing date of the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement and will instruct Agent of the date that Agent shall commence payments hereunder (such date, the “Initial Payment Date”). At least three (3) Business Days prior to the Initial Payment Date, the Parties will provide, or cause to be provided, to Agent completed account opening forms and, no later than the Initial Payment Date, the Special Master (or its counsel or designee) will provide an executed copy of the Purchase Agreement. Agent shall establish and administer a regulated broker-dealer paying account and any related trust or custodial account for unclaimed funds (collectively, the “Account”) for the purposes set forth herein. The funds in the Account are non-interest-bearing [and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to the applicable limits].<sup>1</sup> On or before 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the Initial Payment Date, Buyer shall wire, or cause to be wired, the necessary and immediately available funds to the Account pursuant to the wire instructions on Exhibit A and will pay, or cause to be paid, the fees on Exhibit B that are due as of such time. Upon receipt of such funds, Agent shall promptly provide the Special Master with written confirmation (email being sufficient) to the appropriate email addresses or notice addresses as set forth on the signature pages hereto that the funds have been received by Agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Payees. Following the Initial Payment Date, the Parties and/or Acquiom Clearinghouse LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in its capacity as escrow agent (the “Escrow Agent”) pursuant to that certain Escrow Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and among Buyer, the Special Master and the Escrow Agent, may from time to time deposit or cause to be deposited additional funds pursuant to the Purchase Agreement (collectively, “Additional Amounts”) to fund additional payments through the Account as contemplated hereunder (collectively, “Additional Payments”),

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<sup>1</sup> Note to Draft: SRS to confirm that funds in Account are FDIC-insured (and applicable limits).

including payments to the Expense Amount Recipients with respect to the Special Master's compensation and out-of-pocket costs, fees and expenses incurred by the Special Master after the Closing out of the funds deposited with the Escrow Agent in accordance with the Purchase Agreement (collectively, "Approved Expense Amounts"). For purposes of this Agreement, "Expense Amount Recipient" shall mean any recipient of any Approved Expense Amount.

### **3. Payee Materials; Review.**

a. **Delivery of Payee Materials.** Agent shall make any documents and other information required to be returned by the Payees (collectively, the "Payee Materials"), available to the applicable Payees on the date directed by the Special Master (or its counsel or designee) (each, a "Solicitation Date"). Each Payee shall deliver the duly completed Payee Materials, documentation representing their Claims that is satisfactory to the Special Master, any required tax forms and information (including an Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Form W-9 or appropriate Form W-8, as applicable), and all other required materials (each such Payee that has done so, a "Tendering Payee") prior to, and as a condition to, payment. Agent shall be provided with tax forms for each recipient (other than recipients of transaction expenses as set forth on the Spreadsheet) prior to being required to make payments to such persons. If payment is to be made to a person other than the registered Payee, Agent shall not be required to process such payment until the required Payee Materials and other necessary materials have been properly completed by the new recipient. Agent shall further make available, electronically or by email, the Payee Materials to the Special Master.

b. **Examination of Documents.** Agent shall examine the materials received from each Tendering Payee to ascertain whether they appear to have been properly completed and executed in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Payee Materials. In the event Agent determines that any document has been improperly completed or executed, or that any other irregularity exists, Agent shall attempt to cause such irregularity to be corrected. As to any irregularity that Agent cannot resolve, Agent shall promptly provide notice to the Special Master for instructions and final determination.

c. **Maintaining Records and Reports.** Agent shall keep and maintain complete and accurate ledgers showing the amount of cash paid to each Payee. Upon making payment to Payees, Agent shall, if so requested by the Special Master, make available the Payee Materials to the Special Master. Agent shall, in accordance with its standard procedures, preserve electronic versions of all documents (physical and electronic) described in this section and received by Agent, and will dispose of any physical documents no earlier than ninety (90) days after receipt, *provided* that Agent makes available copies of such documents to the Special Master (or its counsel or designee) prior to such disposal.

### **4. Spreadsheets; Payments.**

a. **Delivery of Spreadsheets.** The Special Master (or its counsel or designee), in consultation with Buyer, shall deliver to Agent a spreadsheet (the "Initial Closing Spreadsheet") containing (in each case to the extent applicable) Payees that will be paid any amounts on the Initial Payment Date, payment amounts, email and physical addresses of such Payees, tax characterizations, and, if applicable, withholding amounts. The Initial Closing Spreadsheet shall also contain any other information and documents required to solicit and verify the Payee Materials and other necessary materials. The Special Master (or its counsel or designee) shall prepare a preliminary form of such Initial Closing Spreadsheet and deliver such Initial Closing Spreadsheet,

subject to completion and further changes by the Special Master (or its counsel or designee), in consultation with Buyer, as reflected in the final Initial Closing Spreadsheet, by 2:00 pm Eastern Time at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Solicitation Date. The Special Master (or its counsel or designee), in consultation with Buyer, shall deliver such Initial Closing Spreadsheet by 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Initial Payment Date; *provided*, that if the Initial Closing Spreadsheet is delivered after such time, the Parties acknowledge that any substantial revisions could delay the Solicitation Date, and all payments will be made on a commercially reasonable efforts basis and may be delayed to the next Business Day. Should any revisions to the Initial Closing Spreadsheet be required, the Special Master (or its counsel or designee), in consultation with Buyer, shall deliver a revised Initial Closing Spreadsheet to Agent any time prior to 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the Initial Payment Date (such final form of the Initial Closing Spreadsheet, the “Closing Spreadsheet”). Any subsequent payments of Additional Payments shall be made pursuant to written disbursement instructions delivered to Agent by the Special Master (or its counsel or designee), in consultation with Buyer (each such subsequent instructions, a “Subsequent Spreadsheet” and together with the Closing Spreadsheet, “Spreadsheets”).

b. **Payments.** With respect to all payments hereunder other than payments of Approved Expense Amounts, subject to sufficient funds being available in the Account, Agent shall pay each Payee that has properly signed and completed all required documents no later than two (2) full Business Days after receipt of the applicable Spreadsheet the amount due to such Payee pursuant to such Spreadsheet less any applicable withholding. Except as provided below, all payments shall be in United States (U.S.) dollars and shall be made by ACH, check or wire transfer in accordance with the Payee Materials (if applicable) or as otherwise specified on the Spreadsheets. The Parties hereby direct Agent to make available to the Payees, subject to eligibility, the option to receive their payments in a foreign currency (the “Foreign Currency Payment Option”). If a Payee elects the Foreign Currency Payment Option, the Parties hereby direct Agent to deliver such Payee’s payment to the currency exchange provider conducting the exchange on behalf of the Payee (the “Currency Exchange Provider”) and acknowledge and agree that the Payee shall receive by wire its converted payment directly from Currency Exchange Provider generally within two (2) Business Days of the Currency Exchange Provider initiating the currency exchange. Any payments made pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered payments in United States (U.S.) dollars for tax reporting and withholding purposes. Agent shall provide prompt written notice (email being sufficient) to the Parties of any payments or disbursements of funds from the Account pursuant to Section 4.b and Section 4.c hereunder.

c. **Expense Amount Recipients.** Solely with respect to the disbursement by Agent of any Approved Expense Amounts after the Closing, within two (2) Business Days of receipt of written instructions signed by the Special Master that attach (i) a copy of an order of the Court that authorizes payment of such Approved Expense Amount (each such order, an “Order”) and (ii) the applicable Spreadsheet, then, subject to sufficient funds being available in the Account, the Agent shall pay each Expense Amount Recipient the amount due to such Expense Amount Recipient pursuant to such Order and Spreadsheet less any applicable withholding. All payments shall be in United States (U.S.) dollars and shall be made by ACH, check or wire transfer in accordance with the Payee Materials (if applicable) or as otherwise specified on the applicable Spreadsheet. Any payments made pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered payments in United States (U.S.) dollars for tax reporting and withholding purposes.

d. **Employee Compensation Payments.** The Parties hereby represent that no payments deposited in the Account will be deemed employee compensation payments.

**5. Tax Matters.<sup>2</sup>**

a. **U.S. Payees.** For distributions to U.S. persons (actual or presumed), Agent shall complete tax reporting required by U.S. law of Agent. Unless otherwise set forth on the applicable Spreadsheet as interest or other reportable income (collectively, “Other Income”) not reportable on Forms 1099-B, Agent shall report payments to U.S. persons (actual or presumed) as gross proceeds on Forms 1099-B.

b. **Foreign Payees.** Except for distributions identified on the Spreadsheet as Other Income, Agent shall not withhold on distributions made to Payees that demonstrate their status as non-U.S. persons in accordance with U.S. Treasury Regulations (“Foreign Payees”). Agent shall report distributions to Foreign Payees that are identified on the Spreadsheet as domestic source Other Income for which withholding may be required (as set forth on the Spreadsheet) on Forms 1042-S, using Buyer’s Federal Employer Identification Number (“FEIN”). Agent shall withhold from such distributions the applicable amounts (as set forth on the Spreadsheet or as otherwise directed by the Special Master) and shall remit such taxes to the appropriate authorities on Buyer’s FEIN. To the extent direction is not otherwise provided by the Special Master to Agent, Agent may, after notice to the Special Master, consult with tax counsel in connection with making any tax form validation or withholding determinations hereunder.

c. **Compensation Payments.** Without limitation to section 4.d. above, Agent shall not be responsible for performing any tax reporting for distributions that constitute employment-related compensation payments.

d. **Withholding.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Agent shall comply with any instruction from the Special Master to withhold tax from any amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement. The Agent and Buyer acknowledge and agree that, other than a deduction or withholding attributable to the failure of the Company to provide the FIRPTA Certificate (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) described in Section 2.3(a)(iii) of the Purchase Agreement, no withholding applies to any payments of Closing Consideration paid pursuant to this Agreement under Chapter 3 or Chapter 4 of the Code.

**6. Exculpation; Indemnification.** Agent shall not be liable for any loss to any Party in connection herewith except to the extent that its fraud, bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct was the primary cause of any loss to any Party. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall Agent be liable for special, incidental, punitive, indirect, or consequential losses or damages of any kind (including but not limited to lost profits) (all of the foregoing, “Excluded Damages”) even if it has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action; *provided*, that this sentence shall not apply to Excluded Damages that are required by final adjudication to be paid by Buyer to a third party plaintiff or any consequential losses that are reasonably foreseeable. Buyer shall indemnify Agent for any reasonable, documented and out-of-pocket losses, liabilities and expenses arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, except to the extent caused by Agent’s fraud, bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct. This section shall survive the resignation or removal of Agent and the termination of this Agreement. Agent shall have no obligation to make or facilitate any

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<sup>2</sup> NTD: Remains subject to tax review.

payment unless Buyer shall have provided, or cause to be provided, the necessary readily available funds in accordance with the terms hereof to make such payments and shall not be liable or responsible for any delay or failure of Buyer or other person or entity to comply with any of their respective obligations. In no event shall the Special Master or any of his consultants, agents, attorneys, accountants, advisors, financing sources and other representatives (individually, "Representatives") be personally or otherwise liable for any amounts or obligations owed to the Agent or any other party in connection herewith, as the Special Master and his Representatives are acting as an arm of the Court and are entitled to judicial immunity in the performance of their duties. This section shall survive the resignation or removal of Agent and the termination of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Buyer hereby agrees that any obligation for indemnification under this Agreement shall be borne 100% by Buyer.

## **7. Miscellaneous.**

a. **Confidentiality.** Agent shall, and shall cause its officers, employees, advisors and agents to, hold all documents and information (including, but not limited to, names, addresses, bank accounts, tax identification numbers and amounts receivable) furnished by the Parties to Agent, whether on, before or after the date hereof, in connection with the engagement of Agent hereunder (including the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the transactions contemplated thereby and the identity of the parties thereto) (the "Confidential Information") in strict confidence. Agent shall only use the Confidential Information for the sole purpose of performing its obligations, duties and responsibilities contemplated by this Agreement and shall only communicate such Confidential Information to (i) the recipients of documents or funds hereunder, (ii) Agent's officers, employees, advisors and agents who have a need to know such information in order to perform Agent's obligations, duties and responsibilities contemplated by this Agreement and who are subject to obligations of confidentiality to Agent and Parties no less stringent than Agent's obligations hereunder and (iii) as required by law, rule, regulation or legal process after prior written notice (to the extent legally permissible) to the applicable Party hereunder and taking reasonable steps to obtain protective treatment of such Party's Confidential Information.

b. **Agent's Duties, Compliance.** Agent hereby represents that it is a registered broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). Agent's duties shall be limited to those specifically set forth herein, which shall be deemed purely ministerial in nature. Agent may take any actions it determines in good faith is reasonably necessary to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations including, without limitation, in connection with verification of identities under Section 326 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001; provided that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, Agent shall provide notice to the Parties promptly after taking such action. Agent may perform any of its duties hereunder directly or through affiliates or agents (including the bank where the Account is held); provided that, Agent shall be liable to the Parties on account of any action or omission by any affiliate or agent to the same extent that any affiliate or agent is liable to Agent, except that Agent shall be fully liable for the actions and omissions of such affiliates or agents to the extent that Agent acted with fraud, bad faith, gross negligence, or willful misconduct in the selection of such affiliate or agent. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, payments for securities held by a securities depository (not directly in the name of the applicable beneficial holder) may be subject to additional requirements and processing time. Agent will not be required to provide any services that would require it to register as a transfer agent or money

services business, be licensed as a money transmitter or obtain a banking license, and any provisions herein shall be deemed automatically modified to provide for such alternative services as necessary to avoid such registration or licensure. Agent is not required to have knowledge of the terms of, or compliance by any party with, any other agreement between the Parties in connection herewith. In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of this Agreement, those of the Purchase Agreement, any exhibit attached to this Agreement, or any other agreement among the Parties, as between Agent and the Parties, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control, and as between the Parties, the Purchase Agreement shall control.

c. **Definition of Business Day.** “Business Day” means any day of the year other than (a) a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday in the United States or (b) a day on which national banking institutions in New York, New York are required or authorized to close.

d. **Notices.** Any notices, requests, instructions, claims, demands or other communications given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered, and shall be deemed given, as follows (i) on the date delivered in person, (ii) on the date sent by email if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next Business Day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient, (iii) on receipt after dispatch by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid and return receipt requested) or (iv) on the next Business Day if transmitted by national overnight courier, in each case to the applicable addresses set forth on the signature pages hereto. Either Party may unilaterally designate a different address by giving notice of each change in the manner specified above to each other Party.

e. **Authorized Representatives.** The persons designated as “Authorized Representatives” on the signature page are authorized to act on behalf of the applicable Party. Agent may rely upon, and shall not be liable for acting upon, any written notice, document, instruction or request furnished hereunder (including instructions or documents provided by an Authorized Representative of a Party or such Party’s counsel, or provided by a Payee or a person acting on behalf of such Payee) and, in each case, reasonably believed in good faith by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper entity or individual in accordance with the terms of this Agreement without inquiry and without requiring substantiating evidence of any kind. Without limiting the intent of the foregoing, Agent may in its sole but reasonable discretion (i) employ or decline to employ any process or procedure that it is reasonably deemed necessary or advisable to carry out its responsibilities set forth herein, including, without limitation, in connection with the confirmation of identities (including Payee identities), account information or payment instructions and (ii) determine the sufficiency of any documents or instructions delivered to it hereunder including, without limitation, Payee Materials required as a condition of payment. Without limiting the foregoing, the specified Party acknowledges and agrees that Agent may authenticate Payees by sending a one time passcode (OTP) to the Payee email addresses included in the applicable Spreadsheet and that this procedure constitutes a commercially reasonable method of authenticating the identity of such Payees. Agent may rely on the continued authority of each Authorized Representative until Agent has been duly notified in writing by the applicable Party of any updates to its Authorized Representatives.

f. **Resignation, Termination.** The Special Master may terminate this Agreement and discharge Agent from its duties or obligations hereunder by giving fifteen (15) days’ advance written notice of such termination to Agent specifying a date when such termination shall take effect. Agent’s sole responsibility after such notice period expires shall be to deliver the remainder of any funds deposited into the Account pursuant to this Agreement to an account designated by

the Special Master. Additionally, this Agreement shall automatically terminate upon completion of all distributions required hereunder, including any Additional Amounts. No termination of this Agreement shall relieve any party hereto from any liability incurred prior to such termination.

g. **Amendments, Waivers.** Except for changes to the Authorized Representatives as set forth above, the provisions of this Agreement may be altered, amended or supplemented, in whole or in part, only by a writing signed by Agent and the Parties. No waiver by any party hereto of any of the provisions hereof shall be effective unless explicitly set forth in writing and signed by the party so waiving.

h. **Assignment.** Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest of a party hereunder may be assigned in whole or in part without the prior written consent of Agent and the Parties; *provided* that any entity into which Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated shall be the successor and deemed assignee of Agent hereunder without further act, and Agent may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any entity to which all or substantially all the payments administration business may be transferred.

i. **Third Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing in this Agreement shall confer any rights, remedies or claims of any nature upon any person other than the Parties or Agent and their respective successors or permitted assigns.

j. **Governing Law.** This Agreement, and any claims, causes of action or proceedings (whether at law or in equity, based upon contract, tort, statute or otherwise) that may be based upon or arise out of or related to this Agreement or the negotiation, execution, performance, breach, interpretation, construction or validity of this Agreement, shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with internal laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any laws, provisions or rules (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware and without regard to any borrowing statute that would result in the application of the statute of limitations of any other jurisdiction.

k. **Submission to Jurisdiction.** Agent and the Parties hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware sitting in Wilmington, Delaware (or if such court declines to exercise such jurisdiction in any appropriate state or federal court in the State of Delaware sitting in Wilmington, Delaware) any claims, causes of action or proceedings (whether at law or in equity, based upon contract, tort, statute or otherwise) that may be based upon, arise out of or relate to this Agreement or the negotiation, execution, performance, breach, interpretation, construction or validity of this Agreement.

l. **Waiver of Jury Trial.** BUYER, THE SPECIAL MASTER AND AGENT HEREBY WAIVE ANY RIGHTS TO TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION OR PROCEEDINGS BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION, PERFORMANCE, BREACH, INTERPRETATION, CONSTRUCTION OR VALIDITY OF THIS AGREEMENT.

m. **Third Party Fees.** Agent (or its affiliates) may receive fees from third parties as transaction fees based on balances deposited and may receive, directly or indirectly, fees and other revenue from Payees for service level upgrades requested by such Payees including but not limited to the Foreign Currency Payment Option, in which case such fees or revenue shall be deducted from the applicable payments. Any such compensation based on balances deposited may be

reflected as a reduction or waiver of fees that Agent or its affiliates otherwise would have charged for services to be rendered hereunder. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be prohibited or unenforceable, then such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions thereof.

n. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The parties hereto hereby consent to conducting business electronically and all signatures of the parties to this Agreement may be transmitted by facsimile or email or other electronic or digital means, and such facsimile, email or other electronic delivery will, for all purposes, be deemed to be the original signature of such party whose signature it reproduces, and will be binding upon such party.

o. **Authority.** The individual signing below on behalf of a party is authorized by that party to execute this Agreement on behalf of that party and to legally and validly bind that party to the terms of this Agreement.

*[Signature pages follow.]*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

**ROBERT B. PINCUS, solely in his Capacity as Special Master**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert B. Pincus

Special Master for the United States District Court for the District of Delaware

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

With copies to (which shall not constitute notice to the Special Master):

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel to the Special Master

767 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10153

Attention: Matthew S. Barr

Eoghan P. Keenan

Chase A. Bentley

Email: Horizon.Notice@weil.com

[Authorized Representative 1:

Name: Robert Pincus

Email: \_\_\_\_\_]

**AMBER MSUB LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Address: 360 S. Rosemary Ave, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Email:

With Copies to (which shall not constitute notice to the Buyer):

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, counsel to the Buyer

One Bryant Park

New York, NY 10036

Attention: Project Horizon

Email: HorizonAkinCore@akingump.com

**ACQUIOM FINANCIAL LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Acquiom Financial LLC  
950 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1400  
Denver, CO 80202

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**Exhibit A**

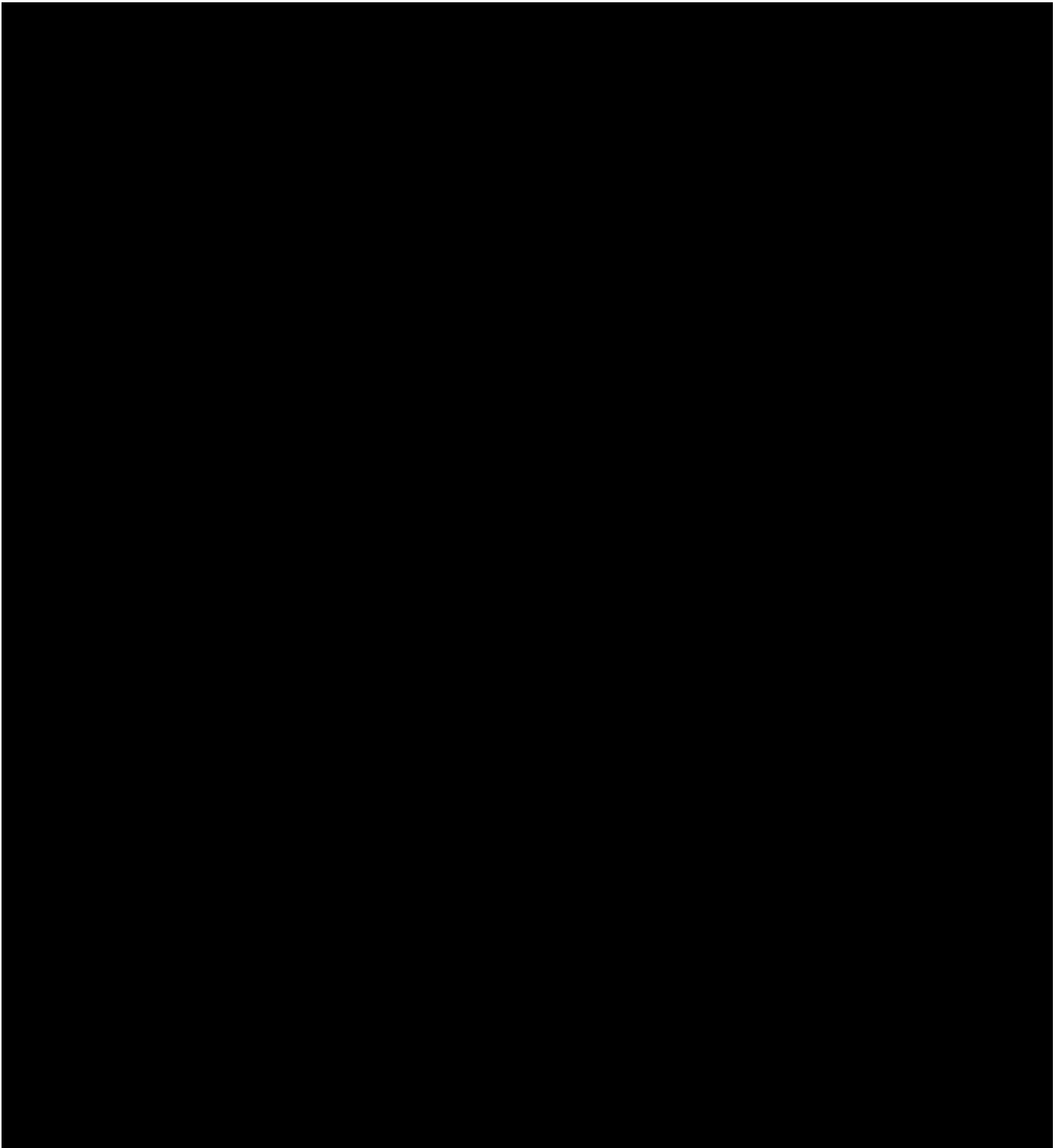
**Wire Instructions**

**Account Wire Instructions:**

*[To be provided by Agent.]*

**Exhibit B**

**Fee Schedule**



**Note:** Any service requested that is not detailed in this fee schedule may be provided for an additional charge.

Securities products and Payments services offered through Acquiom Financial LLC, an affiliate broker-dealer of SRS Acquiom Inc. and member FINRA/SIPC.

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**Form of Release**

**Agreed Form**

[●], 2025

Special Master  
PO Box 4570

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**RE: CLOSING RELEASE**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the case of Crystallex International Corp. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (D. Del. Case. No. 17-151-LPS) to which each of Rusoro Mining Ltd., Koch Minerals Sarl and Koch Nitrogen International Sarl (each a “Record Holder”) is a party (or a successor in interest of a party), (b) the respective judgments entered in favor of, or assigned to the Record Holders on [●] (each, a “Claim”) as a creditor of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela or PDVSA, (c) that certain Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of [●], 2025 (the “Agreement”), by and between Amber MSub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Buyer”) and Robert B. Pincus, solely in his capacity as special master (the “Special Master”) for the Honorable Leonard P. Stark, United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) and (d) the deposit made by the Buyer with Acquiom Clearinghouse LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in its capacity as escrow agent (the “Escrow Agent”), of \$50,000,000 (such amount, the “Deposit Amount”) in cash, pursuant to the terms of that certain Escrow Agreement, dated as of [●], 2025, by and among the Special Master, the Buyer and the Escrow Agent. Capitalized terms used in this letter agreement (this “Release Letter”) without definition have the respective meanings given to them in the Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 3.4(e) of the Agreement, the Buyer and the Record Holders have agreed to pay, at the Closing, an amount equal to the Credit Bid Amount by means of a credit against such amounts due and owing under the Claims owed to the Record Holders effective immediately upon the Closing. The Buyer and the Record Holders hereby deliver to the Special Master this Release Letter in accordance with Section 2.3(b)(ii) of the Agreement.

In our capacity as the Record Holders and the Buyer we hereby confirm that the (a) obligations of PDVSA or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (together, the “Venezuela Parties”), as the case may be, to the Record Holder relating to or arising out of the Claims, including principal, accrued interest, costs, expenses and fees for an amount equal to the Claims (the “Forfeited Claim Amount”) are hereby deemed satisfied, (b) all commitments and other agreements and obligations of the Venezuela Parties to the Record Holders related to or arising out of the Claims are hereby irrevocably terminated (without recourse and without representation or warranty of any kind (either express or implied)) with no further action on the part of the Venezuela Parties, the Special Master, the Record Holders or the Buyer and (c) all guarantees provided by the Venezuela Parties to each of the Record Holders relating to their respective Claim are hereby irrevocably terminated (without recourse and without representation or warranty of any kind (either express or implied)) with no further action on the part of the Venezuela Parties,

the Special Master, the Record Holder and (d) any security interest or Lien granted to the Record Holder from the Venezuela Parties to secure the Claims (collectively, the “Existing Liens”) are hereby irrevocably terminated.

The Record Holder and the Buyer hereby authorize (a) the Special Master to direct the Venezuela Parties or the Company to file or send, as applicable, and (b) the Venezuela Parties or the Company to file or send, as applicable, UCC-3 termination statements with respect to the Existing Liens. By its signature below, each of the Record Holders and the Buyer hereby agrees that such Record Holder and the Buyer will, at its sole cost and expense, execute, as applicable, and deliver to the Venezuela Parties, the Company and the Special Master any such additional lien releases, discharges of security interests, pledges and guarantees, and other similar discharge or release documents, and take such further actions as are reasonably requested, in each case, to release the Existing Liens.

If any term or other provision of this Release Letter is invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced by any Law or public policy, all other terms or provisions of this Release Letter shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereunder is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party hereto. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Release Letter so as to effect the original intent of the parties hereto as closely as possible in an acceptable manner such that the transactions contemplated hereunder are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the internal Laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any Laws (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware and without regard to any borrowing statute that would result in the application of the statutes of limitations or repose of any other jurisdiction. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Laws of the State of Delaware will control even if under such jurisdiction’s choice of law or conflict of law analysis, the substantive or procedural law of some other jurisdiction would ordinarily or necessarily apply.

Without limiting the right of any party hereto to appeal any Order of the Court, (a) the Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Release Letter and to decide any dispute which may arise or result from, or be connected with, this Release Letter, any breach or default hereunder, or the transactions contemplated hereunder, and (b) any and all proceedings related to the foregoing shall be filed and maintained only in the Court, and the parties hereto hereby consent to and submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Court.

This Release Letter may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Release Letter constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. This Release Letter shall become effective when it has been executed by the Buyer and the Record Holder, and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and

their respective successors and permitted assigns. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Release Letter by facsimile or by email as a “.pdf” or “.tif” attachment shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Release Letter.

To the extent there exists a conflict between the terms and provisions of this Release Letter and the Agreement, the terms and provisions of the Agreement will control.

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Very truly yours,

Amber MSub LLC, as the Buyer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: [●]

Title: [●]

Koch Minerals Sarl, as Record Holder

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: [●]

Title: [●]

Koch Nitrogen International Sarl, as  
Record Holder

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: [●]

Title: [●]

Rusoro Mining Ltd., as Record Holder

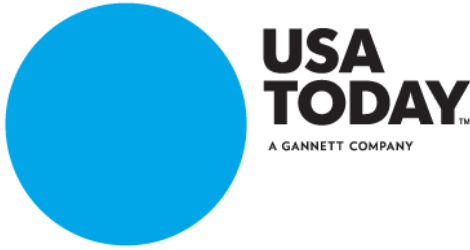
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**Exhibit B**

**Publication Affidavits**



## VERIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

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*Vanessa Salvo*

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Principal Clerk of USA TODAY  
January 19, 2024

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   ) ss:  
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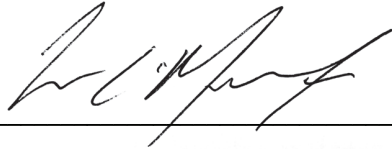
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Notary Public



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NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of New Jersey  
ID # 50106528  
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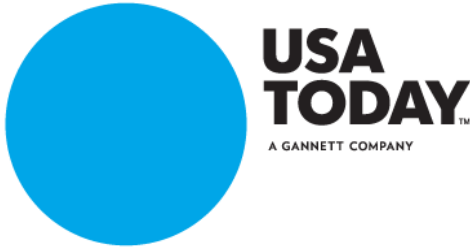
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Being duly sworn, Vanessa Salvo says that she is the principal clerk of USA TODAY, and is duly authorized by USA TODAY to make this affidavit, and is fully acquainted with the facts stated herein: on **Monday, June 3, 2024 and Monday, June 10, 2024**, the following legal advertisement – **CRYSTALLEX INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION** was published in the national edition of USA TODAY.

*Vanessa Salvo*

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Principal Clerk of USA TODAY  
June 10, 2024

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY                     )  
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CITY OF MONMOUTH JUNCTION, in the COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX )

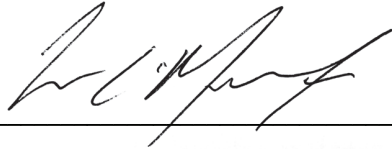
I, Ian Martin, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Advertising Clerk of the Publisher  
of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, a daily national newspaper of general circulation throughout  
the United States, and that the notice attached to this Affidavit has been regularly  
published in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL for National distribution for

2 insertion(s) on the following date(s):

JUN-01-2024, JUN-08-2024;

ADVERTISER: CITGO Holding, Inc.;

and that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

  
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Sworn to before me this  
10 day of June 2024

  
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Keith Oechsner  
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My Commission Expires  
June 10, 2024

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

CRYSTALLEX INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC  
OF VENEZUELA,

Defendant.

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Misc. No. 17-151-LPS

AFFIDAVIT OF ADAM B. LEVIN REGARDING  
PUBLICATION OF SALE NOTICE

I, Adam B. Levin, being duly sworn, hereby certify that (a) I am Senior Account Executive at Miller Advertising Agency, Inc. and (b) I caused the Notice titled "*NOTICE OF SALE, BIDDING PROCEDURES, AND SALE HEARING*" to be published in *La Razón*, a Spanish-language weekly newspaper based in Caracas, Venezuela, in the issue dated June 9-15, 2024.

A copy of the newspaper tearsheet is attached.

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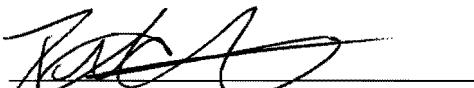
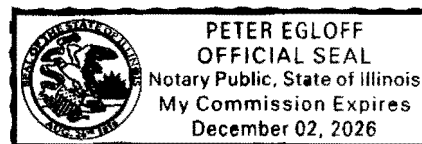


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Sworn to before me this: 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

  
Notary Public

# **INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA INC. USA**

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**State of Delaware:**

**County of Kent:**

Before me, a Notary Public, for the County and State aforesaid. G. Konrad La Prade, known to me to be such, who being sworn according to law deposed and says that he is the Publisher of **Delaware State News**, a daily newspaper published at  
Dover, County of Kent, and State of Delaware, and that the notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, as published in the **Delaware State News** in its issue of 06/02/24, 06/12/24.



Publisher  
Independent Newsmedia Inc. USA

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th Day of June, A.D., 2024



  
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Notary, State of WI, County of Brown

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
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*Vanessa Salvo*

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Principal Clerk of USA TODAY  
March 4, 2025

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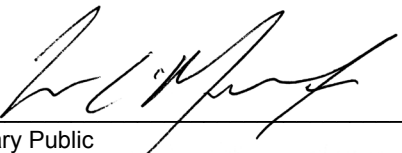
I, Wayne Sidor, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Advertising Clerk of the Publisher of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, a daily national newspaper of general circulation throughout the United States, and that the notice attached to this Affidavit has been regularly published in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL for National distribution for 1 insertion(s) on the following date(s): 02/24/2025 and 03/03/2025

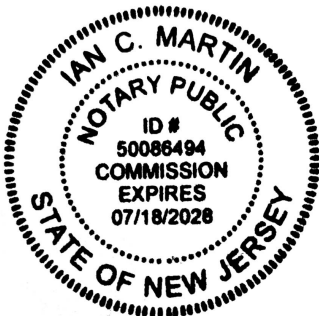
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and that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sworn to  
before me this  
10th day of  
March 2025

Wayne Sidor

  
Notary Public



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

CRYSTALLEX INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC  
OF VENEZUELA,

Defendant.

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PUBLICATION OF SALE NOTICE

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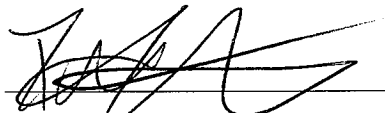


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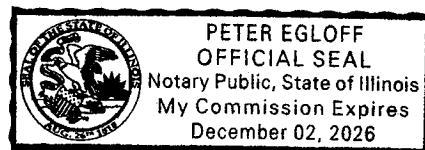
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Sworn to before me this: 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025



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## Proof of Publication

3/5/2025

### State of Delaware:

### County of Kent:

Before me, a Notary Public, for the County and State aforesaid. Tonda L. Parks, known to me to be such, who being sworn according to law deposed and says that she is the Associate Publisher of **Daily State News**, a daily newspaper published at Dover, County of Kent, and State of Delaware, and that the notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, as published in the **Daily State News** in its issue(s) of

BaytoBayNews.com: 2/26/2025, 3/5/2025

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Tonda L. Parks  
Associate Publisher  
Independent Newsmedia Inc. USA

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3/5/2025



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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE		
CRYSTALLEX INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION,	:	Misc.
Plaintiff,	:	No. 17-
v.	:	151-LPS
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA,	:	
Defendant.	:	
<b>NOTICE OF SALE, BIDDING PROCEDURES, AND SALE HEARING</b>		
<b>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b>		
<p>On January 14, 2021, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the "<b>Court</b>") issued an opinion and corresponding order setting forth certain contours for the sale of the shares of PDV Holding, Inc. ("<b>PDVH</b>") and such shares, the "<b>PDVH Shares</b>") owned by Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. ("<b>PDVSA</b>") in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. PDVH is the sole shareholder and direct parent of CITGO Holding, Inc., which in turn is the sole shareholder and direct parent of CITGO Petroleum Corporation. In furtherance of the Court's order, the Court appointed Robert B. Pincus as special master (the "<b>Special Master</b>") on April 13, 2021 to assist the Court with the sale of the PDVH Shares. The Special Master is advised by Weil, Gotshal &amp; Manges LLP, as transaction counsel, and Evercore Group L.L.C., as investment banker.</p> <p>On October 11, 2022, the Court entered an order (Docket No. 481) (the "<b>Sale Procedures Order</b>") that (i) approved bidding procedures, substantially in the form attached to the Sale Procedures Order as <b>Exhibit 1</b> (the "<b>Bidding Procedures</b>"); (ii) authorized and approved the Notice Procedures for the Sale Hearing; and (iii) granted related relief.</p> <p>On December 31, 2024, the Court entered an order (Docket No. 1517) (the "<b>Scheduling Order</b>") that set a revised timeline and procedures for the sale of the PDVH Shares, including (i) setting forth the procedures for approval of (a) Bidder Protections that will be made available to any Stalking Horse approved by the Court, (b) material terms of a Stock Purchase Agreement and, subsequently, a long-form Stock Purchase Agreement, and (c) Evaluation Criteria for Stalking Horse Bids, Base Bids, and Successful Bids; (ii) setting forth procedures for amendments to the Sale Procedures Order and Bidding Procedures; (iii) setting deadlines for the submission of bids, the Special Master's recommendations, and objections thereto; (iv) scheduling a Sale Hearing; and (v) granting related relief.</p> <p>On January 27, 2025, the Court entered an order (Docket No. 1554) which adopted certain bidder protections and material terms to be included in the Stock Purchase Agreement.</p> <p><b>Assets to be Sold: PDVH Shares</b></p> <p>Interested parties may submit bids for the purchase and sale of some or all of the PDVH Shares in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Bidding Procedures as may be amended pursuant to the Scheduling Order. To avoid any ambiguity, parties may submit bids for less than 100% of the PDVH Shares so long as such bid satisfies the Attached Judgments.</p> <p><b>Important Dates and Deadlines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>March 7, 2025.</b> Deadline for bidders to submit Stalking Horse Bids.</li><li>• <b>March 14, 2025.</b> Deadline for the Special Master to file selection of Stalking Horse Bid or Base Bid with the Court.</li><li>• <b>Topping Period.</b> A 30-day Topping Period will begin after the Court rules on any objections to the Special Master's selection of a Stalking Horse Bid or Base Bid, or earlier if no objections are filed.</li><li>• <b>May 16, 2025.</b> Deadline for the Special Master to submit his Final Recommendation.</li><li>• <b>July 22, 23, and 24, 2025.</b> Sale Hearing to be held in Wilmington, Delaware on all or some of these dates.</li></ul> <p><b>Additional Information</b></p> <p>Any party interested in submitting a bid should contact the Special Master's investment banker, Evercore at Project-Horizon@evercore.com, as soon as possible.</p> <p>The modified Sale Procedures Order, modified Bidding Procedures, including Bidder Protections and Evaluation Criteria, and a Stock Purchase Agreement will be made available as soon as they are finalized and may be requested free of charge by email to the Special Master's counsel, Weil, Gotshal &amp; Manges LLP at Project.Horizon.Weil@weil.com.</p> <p><b>FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE BIDDING PROCEDURES, THE SALE PROCEDURES ORDER, THE SCHEDULING ORDER, OR ANY OTHER ORDER OF THE COURT MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR BID.</b></p> <p>Dated: March 5, 2025</p> <p><sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Sale Procedures Order, the Bidding Procedures, and the Scheduling Order (each, as defined herein), as applicable. Any summary of the Sale Procedures Order, the Bidding Procedures, or the Scheduling Order contained herein is qualified in its entirety by the actual terms and conditions thereof. To the extent that there is any conflict between any such summary and such actual terms and conditions, the actual terms and conditions shall control.</p>		



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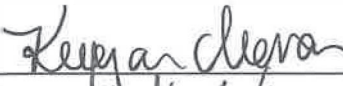
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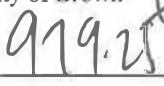
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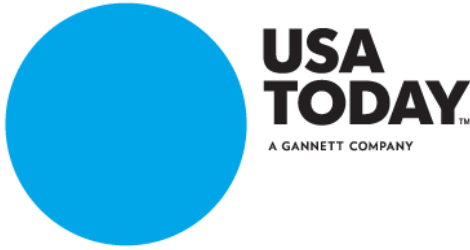
  
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*Vanessa Salvo*

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Principal Clerk of USA TODAY  
May 12, 2025

# AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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) **SS:**

**CITY OF MONMOUTH JUNCTION, in the COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX )**

I, Keith Oechsner, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Advertising Clerk of the Publisher of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, a daily national newspaper of general circulation throughout the United States, and that the notice attached to this Affidavit has been regularly published in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL for National distribution for

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ADVERTISER: CITGO Holding, Inc.;

and that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Keith Cukhner

Sworn to before me this  
12 day of May 2025



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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

CRYSTALLEX INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

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OF VENEZUELA,

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Misc. No. 17-151-LPS

**AFFIDAVIT OF ADAM B. LEVIN REGARDING PUBLICATION OF SALE  
NOTICE**

I, Adam B. Levin, being duly sworn, hereby certify that (a) I am Senior Account Executive at Miller Advertising Agency, Inc. and (b) I caused the Notice titled "*AVISO DE DESIGNACIÓN DE CABALLO DE TROYA, INICIO DEL PERÍODO DE FINALIZACIÓN, AUDIENCIA DE VENTA Y PLAZOS RELACIONADOS*" to be published in *La Razón*, a Spanish-language weekly newspaper based in Caracas, Venezuela, in the issues dated May 4, 2025 & May 11, 2025.

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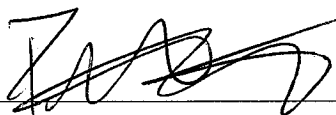


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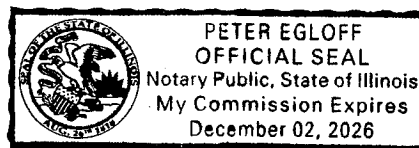
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Sworn to before me this: 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025



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## Proof of Publication

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State of Delaware:

County of Kent:

Before me, a Notary Public, for the County and State aforesaid. Tonda L. Parks, known to me to be such, who being sworn according to law deposed and says that she is the Associate Publisher of **Daily State News**, a daily newspaper published at Dover, County of Kent, and State of Delaware, and that the notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, as published in the **Daily State News** in its issue(s) of

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Tonda L. Parks  
Associate Publisher  
Independent Newsmedia Inc. USA

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE	
CRYSTALLEX INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, Plaintiff,	
v.	Misc. No. 17-151-LPS
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, Defendant.	
<b>NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF STALKING HORSE, COMMENCEMENT OF TOPPING PERIOD, SALE HEARING AND RELATED DEADLINES</b>	
<b>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b>	
<p>On January 14, 2021, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the "<b>Court</b>") issued an opinion and corresponding order setting forth certain contours for the sale of the shares of PDV Holding, Inc. ("<b>PDVH</b>" and such shares, the "<b>PDVH Shares</b>") owned by Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. ("<b>PDVSA</b>") in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. PDVH is the sole shareholder and direct parent of CITGO Holding, Inc., which in turn is the sole shareholder and direct parent of CITGO Petroleum Corporation. In furtherance of the Court's order, the Court appointed Robert B. Pincus as special master (the "<b>Special Master</b>") on April 13, 2021 to assist the Court with the sale of the PDVH Shares. The Special Master is advised by Weil, Gotshal &amp; Manges LLP, as transaction counsel, and Evercore Group L.L.C., as investment banker.</p> <p>On October 11, 2022, the Court entered an order (Docket No. 481) (the "<b>Sale Procedures Order</b>") (i) approving bidding procedures, substantially in the form attached to the Sale Procedures Order as <b>Exhibit 1</b> (the "<b>Bidding Procedures</b>"); (ii) authorizing and approving the Notice Procedures for the Sale Hearing; and (iii) granting related relief.</p> <p>On December 31, 2024, the Court entered an order (Docket No. 1517) (the "<b>December 31 Order</b>") that set a revised timeline and procedures for the sale of the PDVH Shares, including (i) setting forth the procedures for approval of (a) Bidder Protections that will be made available to any Stalking Horse approved by the Court, (b) material terms of a Stock Purchase Agreement and, subsequently, a long-form Stock Purchase Agreement, and (c) Evaluation Criteria for Stalking Horse Bids, Base Bids, and Successful Bids; (ii) setting forth procedures for amendments to the Sale Procedures Order and Bidding Procedures; (iii) setting deadlines for the submission of bids, the Special Master's recommendations, and objections thereto; (iv) scheduling a Sale Hearing; and (v) granting related relief.</p> <p>On January 27, 2025, the Court entered an order (Docket No. 1554) adopting certain bidder protections and material terms to be included in the Stock Purchase Agreement.</p> <p>On April 21, 2025, the Court entered an order (Docket No. 1741) (the "<b>Stalking Horse Order</b>") designating Red Tree Investments, LLC as the Stalking Horse and providing additional guidance as to the Court's expectations for the Topping Period, among other things.</p> <p>On April 25, 2025, the Court entered an order (Docket No. 1745) (the "<b>Scheduling Order</b>") that set a timeline, as set forth below, for the completion of the Topping Period and briefing related thereto, among other things.</p>	
<b>Assets to be Sold: PDVH Shares</b>	
Interested parties may submit bids for the purchase and sale of some or all of the PDVH Shares in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Bidding Procedures as may be amended pursuant to the December 31 Order. To avoid any ambiguity, parties may submit bids for less than 100% of the PDVH Shares so long as such bid satisfies the Attached Judgments.	
<b>Important Dates and Deadlines</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>April 28, 2025.</b> Launch of the Topping Period.</li> <li>• <b>May 28, 2025.</b> Deadline for bidders to submit topping bids.</li> <li>• <b>June 11, 2025.</b> Deadline for Special Master to submit his Final Recommendation.</li> <li>• <b>June 20, 2025.</b> Deadline for the filing of any objections to the Special Master's Final Recommendation.</li> <li>• <b>June 27, 2025.</b> Deadline for the filing of responses to objections to the Special Master's Final Recommendation.</li> <li>• <b>July 3, 2025.</b> Deadline for the filing of replies regarding any objections to the Special Master's Final Recommendation.</li> <li>• <b>July 10, 2025.</b> Deadline for Special Master to submit joint status report, in coordination with all parties-in-interest, setting forth the parameters of the Sale Hearing.</li> <li>• <b>July 17, 2025.</b> Conclusion of the discovery period.</li> <li>• <b>July 22, 2025.</b> Commencement of Sale Hearing to be held in Wilmington, Delaware.</li> </ul>	
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<p>Any party interested in submitting a bid should contact the Special Master's investment banker, Evercore at Project-Horizon@evercore.com, as soon as possible.</p> <p>The modified Sale Procedures Order, modified Bidding Procedures, including Bidder Protections and Evaluation Criteria, and a Stock Purchase Agreement will be made available as soon as they are finalized and may be requested free of charge by email to the Special Master's counsel, Weil, Gotshal &amp; Manges LLP at Project.Horizon.Weil@weil.com.</p>	
<b>FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE BIDDING PROCEDURES, THE SALE PROCEDURES ORDER, THE DECEMBER 31 ORDER, THE STALKING HORSE ORDER, THE SCHEDULING ORDER, OR ANY OTHER ORDER OF THE COURT MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR BID.</b>	
Dated: May 14, 2025	
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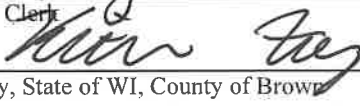
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